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No Conscription For Northern Irishmen

LONDON, May 4.—Introducing the Conscription Bill for the second reading in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said if the Bill runs for the three full years as is planned at present, 800,000 conscripts will be trained.

He announced that the measure would not be applied to North Ireland.—*United Press.*

800,000 Men To Be Conscripted In U.K.

LONDON, May 4.

MOVING THE second reading of the Military Training Bill in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the bill would produce 200,000 men this year, and 800,000 in the three years of its currency.

He declared that, so far as he could judge from the evidence from different parts of the country, the view that he had already expressed that the careful disposal of the Government's proposals would dispose of fears and doubts about the idea of conscription had been confirmed.

People Determined

"There can be no possible manner of doubt that the determination of the British people to put themselves in a position fully to carry out the undertakings which they have been giving, as evidenced by this great departure from an old tradition, has created a very profound respect all over Europe."

Mr. Chamberlain dwelt on the position of conscientious objectors, who, he considered, had been dealt with in a broad-minded manner.

He anticipated that the temptation to take advantage of the provisions in this respect would be less than in the last war because it was not now contemplated that men would be asked to serve overseas, or to fight in trenches, but to undertake a comparatively short period of compulsory training.

The Government desired to respect scruples were they conscientiously held. There would be no persecutions.

"Bob A Day" Tommies

Dealing with the question of pay and allowances, the Premier said that militiamen would receive one shilling a day during the initial period of six months without addition for rank or trade, but there would be no stoppages. The conditions when the men pass into the auxiliary services would be determined later.

Special allowances for total dependants would be 17 shillings a week, 12 shillings a week for partial dependants, and 17 shillings a week for a wife with the customary allowances for children.

The Government proposed to reduce to 20 the age at which family allowances were paid in the regular and auxiliary forces which at present was considerably higher than the age of the new militiamen.

Ireland Omitted

Mr. Chamberlain announced that the bill would not be applied to Northern Ireland, and would be accordingly amended. Lord Craigavon, with whom he conferred, had left the decision to the United Kingdom Government, who was desirous of avoiding differences which must arise if the bill was applied there at present.

As a recognition of Northern Ireland's patriotism, it had been decided to constitute a force on the supplementary reserve basis, in the form of a light tank unit of the Royal Armoured Corps.

Mr. Chamberlain, in concluding, made an appeal in the following words: "The sooner we get this bill through the sooner we can assure the safety of the country, and the greater will be the effect on the different countries in Europe."

Opposition Amendment

Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith (Lab.) moving the Opposition amendment, maintained that the voluntary system would have provided all the men required. Scenes of enthusiasm and queues of men waiting to join outside the territorial drill-halls

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GENEVIEVE TOBIN

Genevieve Arrives In Hongkong

MISS GENEVIEVE TOBIN, the Hongkong film actress who is on a honeymoon tour of the Far East with her director-husband, Mr. William Keighley, arrived in Hongkong this morning by the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan.

Miss Tobin and Mr. Keighley are remaining in the Colony until to-morrow morning, when they will depart by plane for Saigon.

They checked in at the Hongkong Hotel shortly after 9 o'clock, and spent the balance of the morning looking over the Colony.

They will be guests at the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel at a tea dance this evening and at 8.15 p.m. to-night will broadcast from ZBW.

Miss Tobin Looked Cool

Dressed in a cool floral gown and with her light flaxen hair tucked beneath a broad-brimmed white hat, Miss Tobin submitted willingly to an interview by the "Hongkong Telegraph" representative when she and her director husband, Mr. William Keighley, arrived on the Empress of Japan this morning.

The wharf was particularly strongly guarded by police and a bigger crowd than usual was not permitted to pass, first, the wharf gates and, next, a barrier at the end of the pier.

The couple were interviewed together, but Mr. Keighley acted as spokesman. They have never been in the East before. Asked whether he thought the war was scaring Hollywood artists from voyaging to the East, Mr. Keighley said: "Perhaps so. I know that people said they thought we were mad when we decided to come."

South American Visits

When asked whether the scare was likely to stop the projected trip of Tyrone Power and Annabella, Miss Tobin exclaimed, "Oh, I don't think they can come. They're under contract."

"I don't know," said her husband. "They went to South America, you know."

Fascinated

He added that Hollywood's anxiety to secure the South American market was naturally leading to more frequent visits by stars to that continent. A couple of Fox players had gone there last year and, recently, Tyrone Power and Annabella. He thought their visits took the subtle form of informal trips rather than personal appearance tours.

Both said that they found the East, as far as they had yet been able to see it, fascinating. Mr. Keighley added, however, that some of the scenes in Shanghai distressed them: they were able to visualise how

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Litvinoff Resignation Seen In More Serious Light

ANGLO-SOVIET PARLEYS: BREAKDOWN RUMOURED

LONDON, May 4.

THE SOVIET Foreign Minister's resignation has come as a surprise to diplomats, whose first reaction is that it may represent a victory for the Soviet isolationists who are opposed to M. Litvinoff's policy of co-operation with the western powers.

Newspapermen conveyed the news to the Soviet Ambassador here at the annual dinner of the China Society, but he refused to comment.

Other Soviet sources also declined to give any explanation.

Soviet sources, however, have been predicting during the past few days that the Soviets would break off negotiations if Britain and France failed to accept the Soviet offer of an ironclad mutual assistance pact.

It is thought, therefore, that the isolationists, who are believed to include military chiefs, feel that it is useless to seek Franco-British aid in halting aggression in Europe and that the Soviets should withdraw behind their own frontier, from whence they could repel any direct attack on the Soviet Union.—*United Press.*

STUMBLING BLOCK

TOKYO, May 4.

JAPANESE political circles, which appear to be well-informed on events in Russia, attach great importance to reports reaching Tokyo that Great Britain and Soviet Russia have failed to reach a basis for agreement.

It is believed that the negotiations have reached a stumbling block on the question of the inclusion of the Far East in any military pact that may be reached.

It is reported in Tokyo that the Soviet has insisted that the proposed agreement should apply equally to Europe and the Far East. Britain and France, however, have been endeavouring to persuade the Soviet to exclude the Far East from the agreement.

Japanese sources claim that Britain and France, nevertheless, promised that they would extend more vigorous assistance to the Chinese Government and would not oppose the despatch of Soviet volunteers to the assistance of China.

Premature Concessions

Japanese circles believe that the retirement of M. Litvinoff may be traced to his concessions to Britain, especially his willingness to exclude the Soviet's Far Eastern frontiers from an agreement.

On the other hand, the influential "Kokumin Shimbun" expresses the opinion that M. Litvinoff has been dismissed by M. Stalin in order to strengthen relations with Great Britain.

This newspaper is apparently alone in its opinion. Other newspapers declare that the withdrawal of M. Litvinoff means a total reversal of Soviet foreign policy and a return to the original policy of isolation.—*Domei.*

GERMAN BOURSE BOOMS

BERLIN, May 4.—The sudden eclipse of M. Litvinoff has caused a boom on the Berlin stock exchange.

Financial circles see in the removal of the Soviet apostle of collective security, the possibility of the Soviet-Union leaving the ranks of those countries whose foreign policy is primarily directed against Germany.

These hopes are not, however, fully shared by well-informed Berlin circles, where the first reaction is marked by a desire to await further developments before giving expression to any opinion.

The question as to whether the resignation of M. Litvinoff will lead to a revision of Soviet foreign policy is posed by most of the Berlin evening papers.

Latest belief in Berlin is that Stalin's disinclination to work hand in hand with the western democracies is the cardinal factor which brought about the fall of the Soviet Foreign Commissar.

Soviet-Reich Relations

There are no indications of any intention on the part of Germany, to

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Sagres Seizure Protests

LONDON, May 4.—Questioned in the House of Commons about the Japanese seizure of the British steamer Sagres on April 8, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that representations had been made to the Japanese authorities in China, and the Foreign Office in Tokyo, for the release of the vessel.—*Reuter.*

KING TO MEET THE KING

Royal Visit To Canada, U.S.

QUEBEC, May 4.

IT IS ANNOUNCED that the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King will be the first to greet Their Majesties on May 15. He will board the Empress of Australia immediately the liner arrives at Wolfe's Cove in Quebec Harbour.

The Prime Minister will then accompany Their Majesties down the gangway to the dock where he will present them to Lieutenant-Governor Patenaude and Mrs. Patenaude, members of the Federal Cabinet and their wives, and the Premier of Quebec, Mr. Maurice Duplessis.

The King will then inspect the guard of honour, after which Their Majesties will proceed to the Provincial Buildings for Quebec's formal welcome.—*Reuter.*

New Expulsion By Germans

BERLIN, May 4.—Miss Barbara Henman, a secretary in the Berlin office of the "Daily Telegraph," has been ordered to leave Germany within 14 days.

No reason is given.

Miss Henman is the first woman among the present series of expulsions.—*Reuter.*

JERUSALEM, May 4.—The leader of an armed gang was killed, two of the gang wounded, and three captured in a skirmish yesterday in which the Arab Legion participated with the assistance of the Royal Air Force.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN MOVE FOR ALLIES

BERLIN, May 4.

It is officially announced that Germany has reached an non-aggression pact.—*Reuter.* agreement with Latvia for a

Reciprocal Contact

BERLIN, May 4.

IT HAS been reliably stated that Germany has moved to further extend their non-aggression front with tentative offers of mutual non-aggression pacts to Greece and other small Powers, in addition to the

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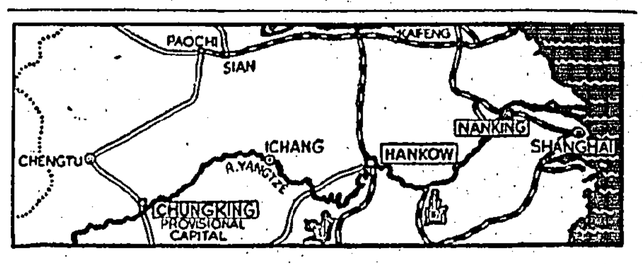

New Mass Air Raid Horror In Chungking

CHUNGKING, May, 4.

THIRTY-SIX BOMBERS again raided Chungking to-day, and casualties are estimated at between 800 and 1,000.

One Japanese plane was shot down.

The bombers came in two groups, each of 18, and concentrated on certain military establishments which had been moved some time ago.

The bombs fell on the closely-packed surrounding houses, killing and wounding hundreds.

Thousands Homeless

Half of Chungking is without electric lights or the telephone service. Thousands are homeless, sleeping on the pavements.

In vivid contrast, the other half of the city is full of bright lights, and life is going on as usual.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, watched the raids yesterday and to-day.—*Reuter.*

Consulates Hit

CHUNGKING, May 4.—Japanese planes staged another raid on China's wartime capital to-day.

Bombs struck both the British and French Consulates.—*United Press.*

Hugo Fires Start

CHUNGKING, May 5.—Chungking, China's war-time capital, which was severely bombed by Japanese planes on Wednesday, was subjected to another ruthless aerial attack by Japanese warplanes yesterday.

The air raid alarm was raised at 5.20 p.m. when it was reported that 36 Japanese aircraft were seen heading for the city. A part of them were intercepted by Chinese pursuits over Pehpei, near Chungking, where dog-fights occurred.

Twenty-seven machines broke into the city and for fully half-an-hour rained bombs in a haphazard fashion over the business and residential sections. Huge fires were started by the incendiary missiles dropped. Casualties and damage are heavy. The "all clear" was given around 6 o'clock.—*Central News.*

Genevieve Tobin and her director-husband, Mr. William Keighley, photographed in Hongkong this morning. — *King's Studio.*

U.S. ADMIRAL FEARS PROSPECTS OF WAR

WASHINGTON, May 4.

ADMIRAL WILLIAM LEAHY, testifying before the House of Representatives appropriations committee to-day, which approved the naval estimates of $770,000,000, declared that the "prospect of an international disturbance in the near future" made it imperative that the United States complete its naval re-armament programme with all possible speed.

Admiral Leahy paid particular attention to the future plans of Italy, Germany, and Japan.

The committee decided to reject the request for funds to start work on the naval air bases in the Pacific islands of Wake, Midway, Palmyra and Johnston, but approved the other bases at Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Florida, and Oregon.

The navy now consists of 340 warships, with an air fleet of 1,454 planes. A further 144 warships and 650 planes are under construction or are contemplated.—*Reuter.*

45,000-Ton Warships

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The House of Representatives appropriations committee to-day approved the naval estimates totalling $770,000,000, including funds to start construction of two 45,000-ton battleships, 21 other warships, and 500 planes.

Admiral William Leahy, Chief of Naval Operations, testifying before the committee said that Japan was building three battleships between 42,000 and 46,000 tons, adding: "In my opinion we shall not accomplish

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LATEST

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WHO OWNS GRETNA ANVIL?

Rival Blacksmith-Priests Fight for the Title—and Cash

EDINBURGH.

RIVALS IN THE "over-the-anvil" marriage trade at Gretna faced each other here recently when the Court of Session was asked to decide which may rightfully describe his premises as the "Blacksmith's Shop."

Burly Mr. Richard Rennison, "blacksmith-priest" for many years, portly yet dignified, with a constant suggestion of a twinkle in his eyes, claims that his is the real Olde Original Blacksmith's Shop.

His rival slimmer, businesslike bowler-hatted Mr. David Macintosh, thinks he also is entitled to use the term.

Something of the romance that clings to Gretna Green entered the court.

Stretching across one of the walls was a banner bravely saying "To the old marriage house and Gretna Hall blacksmith's shop."

Ancient maps showing the routes taken by runaway lovers of long ago, photographs of the later eras in the village history of romance, old history books, and plans littered the lawyers' desks.

Forty witnesses are to be called in the action, which is expected to last several days, and which has been brought by the proprietors of the Blacksmith Shop and Gretna Museum (Mrs. Mary Mackie, Gretna House; Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Prestonhall, Annan; Mr. George Mackie, Floshend, Gretna, Melrose, Johannesburgh).

They seek to prevent Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Macintosh, of Gretna Hall, Gretna Green, from using the words "Blacksmith Shop."

Mr. and Mrs. Macintosh deny that the petitioners have any right or title to the exclusive use of the description.

"LIKE SMALL-POX"

Lord Russel described a map produced by Mr. Alexander McLennan, an architect, and the first witness, which showed the numerous notice-boards, 23 in all, directing visitors to the rival blacksmith shops as like "a case of smallpox."

Mr. William McIntyre, 69-years-old president of the Archaeology Council of Westmorland, said that in past years clandestine marriages had been performed at various places in Gretna and outside by persons who were blacksmiths.

Mr. McIntyre said he believed the old smithy belonging to the petitioners was the original marriage house.

Gretna Hall came into prominence in 1825, when it was converted from an inn into a "marriage place de luxe." Records showed the Earl of Westmorland was married there in 1782.

Cross-examined, Mr. McIntyre said he disagreed with the report of the Morison Committee on the Marriage Laws of Scotland, produced two years ago, expressing doubt that Gretna marriages were celebrated by a blacksmith or even in a blacksmith shop.

Whipsnade's Baby Camel

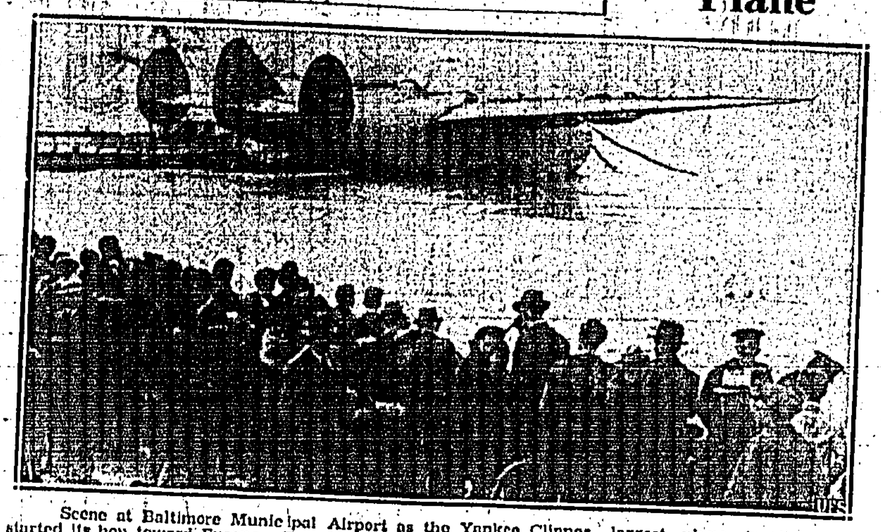
A baby bactrian or two-humped camel born at Whipsnade can now be seen in the paddock with her mother. Nick-named Equinox, she is a quaint infant with long ungainly legs, a comparatively small body with two little curves in the back where the humps should be, and a woolly curly coat.

As she has not yet got full control over her legs, she walks with a staggering gait. Her brother, Hallelujah, born at Easter three years ago, is about to come to the London Zoo to earn his living by giving rides to young visitors. He has been in training for several weeks.

Baby wallabies have begun to make their appearance at the Zoo. Easter is always the time for these attractive and amusing Zoo infants, and although at present all that can be seen of them is their heads sticking out of the maternal pouches, they will soon be scrambling out and trying to walk.

Their unsteady walk is most comic. If alarmed they rush back to their mothers and often get into the pouches head first in their anxiety to be safe.

Largest Plane



Scene at Baltimore Municipal Airport as the Yankee Clipper, largest plane in the world, started its hop toward Europe. Twenty persons were aboard the plane, whose destination was the Azores, 2,880 miles away, with Lisbon, Portugal, at end of trip.

Sailor Sues Girl He Loved

TWO former sweethearts, whose parents were lifelong friends, were on opposing sides in a case at Grays, Essex, County Court recently.

It was a "tragic sequel to a love affair," counsel said.

Leslie Pudney, aged 21, of Hamilton-road, Great Yarmouth, mate of the motor vessel Halcyon, sued Miss Queenie May Barrell, aged 19, and her father, Henry Barrell, licensee of the Theobald Arms Hotel, Grays, for the return of £150, which he alleged was obtained by fraud and false pretences.

There was a counter claim for £150 0s. 6d.

Mr. Kerr Lindsay, for the Barrels, said the counter claim was to be heard first.

BECAME FRIENDLY

When the boy's ship was at Grays, Pudney became friendly with Miss Barrell.

On July 4, 1937, the girl gave birth to a son. She refused Pudney's offer of marriage, but agreed to accept £150 in full settlement. The child was ill from birth and was in hospital.

On August 25 the Barrells were to sign an agreement, but earlier on that day the child died. The girl's mother was told of this but did not tell her husband or her daughter, who signed the agreement and collected the £150.

Miss Barrell could no longer help her father in the business and was still ill. The father claimed that he was entitled to damages for loss of her services.

WAS JEALOUS

In the witness box, Miss Barrell said Pudney was jealous when he met her because she had been going with another man. The three of them met to decide what was to be done. She chose Pudney, and the other man was so upset that he went away to sea.

Mr. Lindsay: It was like the judgment of Paris?

Judge Davies: Not quite, in that case there were three beautiful ladies, but in this case threre was one beautiful goddess choosing between two men.

The hearing was adjourned.

*Paris (in Greek mythology) was called to decide who should have a golden apple awarded "to the fairest." The goddesses Hera, Aphrodite and Athena were the claimants and Paris gave the apple to Aphrodite.

"Lover's Lane" Back

Norwalk, O.

The "Lovers' Lane" of Norwalk, which had been converted into an unsuccessful rabbit-breeding ground by the state, will be returned to its original status if residents are successful in their efforts to convert it into a state park.

Flying In Delaware

Dover, Del.

Interest in aviation has increased in Delaware during the past year. There were 20 more licensed pilots and 18 more airplanes in the state on Jan. 1 than on the same date of 1938. The totals gave 64 pilots and 56 airplanes.

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FLAX PROSPECTS IN KENYA

NAIROBI.

After a lapse of 20 years consideration is being given to revival of flax growing in Kenya. Mr. W. J. Megaw, Flax Inspector in the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, has reported favourably, recommending that the crops should be grown at altitudes above 6,000ft.

He declares there is plenty of suitable land. In view of the cheap labour supply he discourages the idea of using automatic machines for harvesting and scutching.

At the present market price he considers flax should do well, and remarks that as Kenya seed has always been held in high regard in Ireland, there should be a possibility of expanding the market.

Flax was first grown in the Colony experimentally by the Government in 1908 and was a most profitable crop during the war, when the prices of some Kenya flax reached £500 a ton.

The first post-war new settlement of ex-officers was based on flax, but before their initial crop was harvested the market collapsed and the flax was never pulled

Ex-Judge at Kenya Bar.—Sir Charles F. Belcher, former Chief Justice of Trinidad, has settled in Kenya and has been admitted to practise at the Kenya Bar. Sir Charles was born in Australia and began his Colonial service in 1910 in Uganda. After serving in Nyasaland, Zanzibar, Cyprus and Trinidad, he retired in 1936.

AUSTRALIA

PROJECT FOR PETROL STORAGE

SYDNEY.

As a defence measure serious attention has been given to the necessity for accumulating in Australia large stores of petrol and other liquid fuel.

An expert committee has reported to the Federal Government that to lay down a year's supply would entail an outlay of between £5,000,000 and £10,000,000 of "dead capital." The major oil companies, who normally maintain six months' supply in Australia, have decided co-operatively to increase this amount to avoid a large and uproductive outlay by the Commonwealth Government.

INDIA

BUDDHA RELICS DISCOVERED

CALCUTTA.

Relics of bygone days, centuries old, including what are traditionally believed to be the teeth of the great Buddhist sage, Nagarjuna, and the ashes of Buddha, have lately been discovered.

The excavations were carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India in the Gunter District, Madras, at Nagarjunakonda, on the right bank of the Krishna river. The place bear the name of the sage whose relics it is supposed to enshrine. The discoveries throw a flood of light on ancient practices.

Planter Murdered.—Mr. Alfred Christopher Cotton, who was shot dead while asleep in his bunglow on the Shonayar Tea Estate, Anamalais, in South India, was a planter of wide experience. He was a former chairman of the United Planters' Association of South India. The murderer escaped after robbing a safe.

NEW ZEALAND

STEPS TO DEAL WITH MEAT SURPLUS

AUCKLAND

Restrictions placed on the importation of Dominion mutton and lamb into the United Kingdom have been discussed by the Minister of Marketing, Mr. Nash, with the New Zealand Meat Producers' Board.

As an outcome no restrictions will be placed on the killing of stock in the Dominion, but should the quantity exceed the quota fixed by the British authorities the New Zealand Government and the board will take steps to deal with the surplus.

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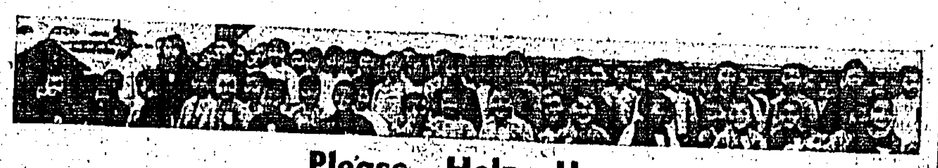

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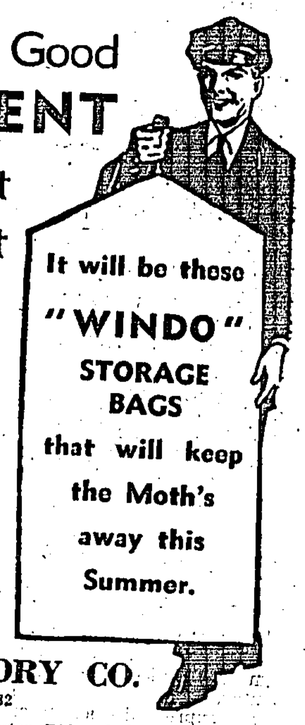

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HOTEL-KEEPERS are responsible for guests' cars parked on their premises, but garage or carpark keepers are not, unless negligence can be proved.

This curious anomaly of the law was revealed at Dartford County Court recently. An hotel guest who sued the hotel proprietor for the loss of his car, which was stolen, was given judgment for the sum claimed, £52 with costs.

Giving reserved judgment, Judge Sir Gerald Hurst, K.C., held that the car park was part of the inn, and therefore the inn keeper was liable at common law for the loss of the car.

"Liability for loss of this type," he said, "dates from an age when highway robbery was prevalent and collusion between innkeeper and robber was common.

"Its more recent extension by virtue of the growth of car parks is clearly a formidable burden upon all innkeepers, but the rule remains binding."

Recent lawsuits have shown that owners of car parks and garages are not liable for the loss of their customers' goods, unless negligence can be proved against them. But the position is different with hotel keepers, because they are bound by the old Innkeepers Acts.

8 THEFTS IN 2 YEARS

The secretary of the Hotel and Restaurants Association was asked whether hotel keepers were doing anything about a reform in the law to put them on the same footing as garage owners.

"There are complaints from time to time," he said, "from hotel owners who have suffered in this way, but we have never considered a reform.

"It would mean an Act of Parliament, separating car parks from the rest of an hotel keeper's premises, in point of law. Hotel keepers know the law and just have to put up with it."

The view of the Automobile Association is that guests generally leave their cars unlocked so that they can be moved about for the convenience of everybody in general, and the hotel keeper in particular, and therefore they might expect some supervision to safeguard the cars.

The action was brought by Royden Percy Stewart, of Printworks House, Crayford, against Nora Titley, licencee of the Black Prince Hotel, Bexley.

It was stated that the car was recovered by the police. Between January, 1937, and November, 1938, eight cars had been stolen from the car park, and there had been three cases of theft from cars.

Town Wants Smithy

NEW HAMPTON, N. H.

Shades of Longfellow: an article inserted in the New Hampton town warrant would exempt from taxes for five years the first experienced blacksmith who will settle here to ply his trade.

The Shanghai General Post Office on North Szechuen Road was the scene of a veritable deluge recently as thousands of parcels bound for the interior were being handled following a 40-day accumulation through congestion on the Haiphong-Kunming Railway. The above picture offers some indication of the gigantic task faced by the postal employees.

GIRL AUTHORITY ON BIRD LORE

ALTHOUGH only 15 years old, Pauline Harcourt-Roberts, of Little Milford, near Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, is one of the most expert students of bird life in Britain.

She has her own bird sanctuary in the woodlands around her riverside home, and is a member of the Pembrokeshire Wild Birds Protection Society, who have chosen her report, out of hundreds submitted, for inclusion in their annual report.

"I often spend three or four hours alone in the woods watching birds," Pauline said.

"It is astonishing what a lot of creatures you will see if you stand absolutely still for an hour or so. It takes a lot of patience, but it is worth it."

FIVE-YEAR DIARY

When she was only nine Pauline used to get up before 7 a.m. and go into the woods to record at what times the birds began to sing.

She has a five-year diary recording her observations.

She has a canoe in which she goes about the river in summer time watching the habits of water birds.

Injured birds often come under her care.

OWLS IN TRAPS

Once on successive nights she found an owl caught in a trap. Both birds were disabled, one having a broken leg. She took them home, intending to keep them till they had become strong again. But the owls refused to eat, and she was compelled to let them go. Afterwards she frequently saw one of the birds flying around with the bandage still on its leg.

"I have climbed to the top of the highest tree in the woods to watch birds," Pauline added.

"When I am older I mean to go in for bird photography, and I hope to write about birds as well."

GANGSTERS AT 15

LONDON.

Two 15 year old boys, accused in the juvenile court at Liverpool were stated to have stripped another boy of all clothing except his shirt and to have used him as a human target for darts fired through an air pistol. The victim was 11, and a stranger to the boys who after giving him chocolate made him descend into a deserted pit. After one dart had pierced his thigh they made him hold out his arm and another stuck in his finger. The boy ran and the others chased him hurling big clinkers, cutting his head and bruising his face as he fell and lay helpless. He was left but recovered and his mother took him to hospital. The magistrate remanding the two accused in custody for a week to consider their penalty remarked "Flogging is the only fit punishment for you, but, unfortunately we are not allowed to order it in this court".

Japanese Authorities And Settlement

THE following questions, dealing with the hostile Japanese action against the International Settlement and French concessions of Shanghai were asked in the House of Commons recently.

Mr. Hannah asked the Prime Minister whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Japanese authorities at Tientsin have surrounded the British and French concessions with barricades and live wires; and whether he will take steps to ensure that full freedom of movement and action shall be secured for the British residents of Tientsin and their employes?

Mr. Butler: Yes, Sir, and the matter is being taken up with the Japanese Government.

Mr. Moreing asked the Prime Minister whether his attention has been called to the fact that the Japanese-sponsored government in Nanking has announced a silent war against the International Settlement and French concessions of Shanghai and against British and French ships in the Far East; and whether he will inform the Japanese Government that His Majesty's Government do not recognise the so-called Nanking Reformed Government, and will hold the Japanese Government responsible for any hostile action from areas controlled by the Japanese against the International Settlement or against British ships in the Far East?

Mr. Butler: Yes, Sir. My Noble Friend has seen the Press reports on the subject, but he has not received any official confirmation. As regards the second part of the question, the Japanese Government can be in no doubt that His Majesty's Government do not recognise the Reformed Government at Nanking, and any further statement of our attitude appears to be unnecessary.

Mr. Moreing: Will my right hon. Friend consider making the latter part of his reply known as widely as possible, in view of the fact that the facts in the question were broadcast by the B.B.C. on Sunday night?

Mr. Butler: I will see what can be done.

Mr. Gallacher: Is not the Government at Nanking very much in the same position as the Franco Government?

Duke's Sister, Earl's Son To Wed After All

The engagement of Viscount Brackley, twenty-three-year-old son of the Earl and Countess of Ellesmere, and Lady Diana Percy, twenty-one-year-old daughter of the Duchess of Northumberland and sister of the present duke, was announced recently for the second time in nine months.

Their first engagement, announced in June, was broken off in October, when the duchess suddenly announced the wedding would not take place.

Lord and Lady Ellesmere expressed surprise at her statement. "It is the first we have heard that the arrangements have been altered," they said.

But Lord Brackley confirmed the duchess's announcement." There will be no wedding," he said. "I prefer to say nothing more."

While the couple were celebrating their re-engagement at a dinner party, the duchess said they would be married in Westminster Abbey. The marriage unites two famous border families.

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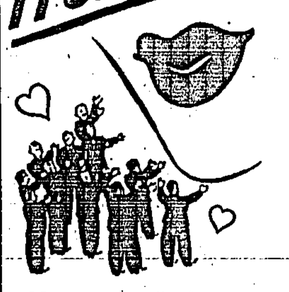

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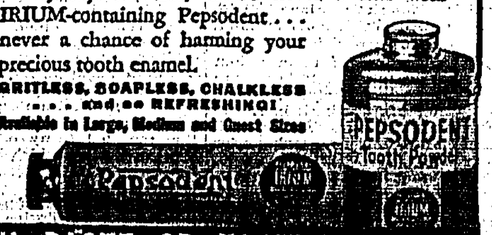

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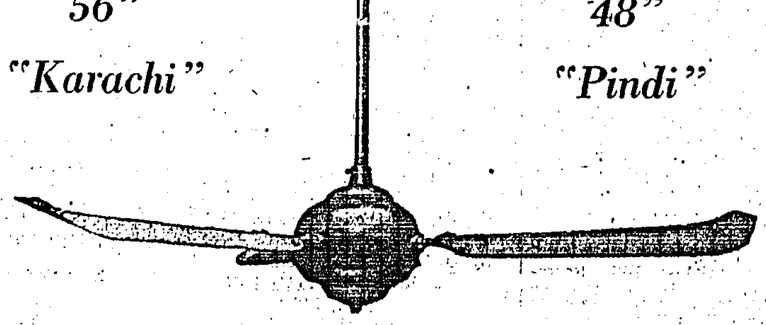

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French Army Mission In Washington

WASHINGTON, May 3.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT has announced that a French Army Mission is visiting Washington "with a view to the possible purchase of munitions".

The Mission includes Major General Andre Gavard, Inspector General of Ordnance and Major Salmon, a metallurgical expert.—*United Press.*

British Barter

London, May 4.

After the Prime Minister had announced in the House of Commons to-day that negotiations had been opened with the United States for the exchange of certain raw materials required as strategic reserves, Mr. G. M. Garro-Jones (Lab) asked whether the arrangement would involve the purchase of large quantities of raw materials for private ownership in Britain.

He also asked whether the Prime Minister was aware that the raw materials which the United States Government proposed to exchange, were already in their hands, and therefore would not involve purchases from people who knew the purchases were about to be made, as purchases of tin and rubber would involve in this country.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the Government was quite aware of all that.

Mr. Garro-Jones then asked if negotiations had yet been opened with the owners of tin and rubber supplies in this country and had the prices been arranged at which the Government would take over the surplus stock.

Mr. Chamberlain replied in the negative.—*Reuter.*

Gablenz To Fly To Manchoukuo

TOKYO, May 5.

BARON VON GABLENZ, director of the German Lufthansa Aircraft Company, who arrived at Tokyo in his Junkers JU-52 monoplane from Berlin on a goodwill flight yesterday, will hop off from the Haneda airport on May 11 on a flight to Manchoukuo.

Although his final schedule has not been determined yet, it is understood that the German flier and his crew will start on the return flight to Berlin via Korea and Fukuoka after staying in Manchoukuo for a few days.—*Domei.*

150,000 To Strike In America

New York, May 4.

The joint sub-committee negotiating for a settlement of the Appalachian coal strike, to-day announced its failure to agree, indicating that no step will be taken to countermand the earlier strike order calling out 150,000 miners in these regions at midnight.—*Reuter.*

U.S. ADMIRAL FEARS PROSPECTS OF WAR

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any approach to equality without building these 45,000-ton ships and starting them this year."

The battleships will be launched in 1943 at a cost of $93,000,000 each, and they will be armed with 16-inch guns.—*Reuter.*

"Inevitable Warfare"

Washington, May 4.

Opening to-day's debate on the Naval Appropriation Bill, Representative James Scrugham said the United States faces an ultimate show down to stop the nations who are coveting the United States raw materials.

He said the appropriation replies to apparently "inevitable warfare in the not distant future."

He maintained that disarmament proposals and economic appeasement efforts seem useless in the present condition of the world.

The Naval Appropriation Bill, together with other measures, brings defence appropriations during this session of Congress to a near record of two billion dollars.—*United Press.*

MALICIOUS DAMAGE

Air Released from Tyres On A.S.P's. Car

Lau Kwai-man, 19, car-cleaner, was charged before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with malicious damage to a car owned by Mr. G. S. Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Police, by letting the air from the tyres while the vehicle was parked near the Star ferry wharf.

Lau was remanded until to-day.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th May to the 18th May, 1939, both days inclusive.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of May, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stanley, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Rural Building Lot No. 421.	North West of Rural Building Lot No. 392, Island Road, Stanley.	as per sale plan.				About 26,000	$298	$6,500

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of May, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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2	Inland Lot No. 5503.	West of and adjoining Inland Lot No. 3685, Blue Pool Road, Wong Nei Chung.	as per sale plan.				About 37,660	$692	$18,830

U. S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York Cotton

	New York, May 4. Opening	Closing
May	8.52/52	8.53/53
July	8.27/27	8.26/26
Oct.	7.75/75	7.74/75
Dec.	7.57/58	7.58/58
Jan.	7.55b/58a	7.58/56
Mar.	7.55/55	7.55/55
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New York Rubber

May	—	15.87b/90a
July	15.95b/16.05a	15.95b/98a
Sept.	16.05/05	16.00/00
Dec.	16.10/10	16.00b/04a
Mar.	16.00b/13a	16.04 N

Today's Sales:—2,920 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May	—	75/74⅞
July	72⅝/72½	73/½73⅝
Sept.	72⅞/72⅞	73⅜/73¼

Wednesday's Sales:—14,810,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May	—	49⅛/49
July	50½/50⅝	50¾/50⅞
Sept.	51½/51⅝	51⅝/51⅞

Winnipeg Wheat

May	—	65¼/65⅜
July	65¼/65½	66½/66⅝
Oct.	66⅝/66⅝	67½/67⅝

Trans-Pacific Junk Adrift

Hummel Hummel Develops Trouble

KAGOSHIMA, May 4.

THE HUMMEL HUMMEL, a junk aboard which are an American captain and his wife and three Norwegian sailors, drifted with a damaged engine into Kataura, a fishing village in Kagosima Prefecture in southern Kyushu.

The junk left Shanghai on April 24 for San Francisco.

While sailing off Koshiki Island, the ship developed engine trouble and made port for repairs. Still possessing plenty of provisions the crew intends to continue its adventure on to San Francisco.—*Domei.*

GERMAN MOVE FOR ALLIES

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Scandinavian and Baltic countries.

Observers here express the belief that their objective is not only to safeguard the German northern flank in the event of war, but also to attempt to short circuit the democratic anti-aggression system.—*United Press.*

Britain And Poland

Warsaw, May 4.

It is understood that the British Ambassador was in conference with the Polish Foreign Under-Secretary, Count Szembek, for an hour yesterday, and that he suggested that the Foreign Minister should make a conciliatory speech in Parliament to-morrow.

Colonel Beck is expected to proclaim Poland's readiness to continue a policy of friendship with Germany.

He will refuse to surrender Danzig but will propose negotiations with Germany and other interested powers. —*United Press.*

Seeks Other Pacts

Berlin, May 4.

That consultations with Estonia and Latvia—similar to those with the Scandinavian States—have taken place, and that they may eventually lead to negotiations regarding questions of security on a reciprocal basis, is not denied in official circles here.

Political quarters regard these contacts as logical consequences of the Fuehrer's declaration that Germany is willing to give non-aggression assurances to those countries which desired such assurances, on the condition, of course, that these are reciprocal.

With regard to Lithuania, it is pointed out that agreements reached with that country in connection with the incorporation of Memelland have already clarified the mutual relations of the two countries, and that they have agreed to refrain from the application of force in the settlement of eventual disputes.

Commenting on the recent statements of responsible Scandinavian statesmen, which have made it clear that these countries refuse to be drawn into alliances or blocs directed against other States, the diplomatic correspondent of the "Berliner Boersen Zeitung" declares that the definite rejection of political entanglements by the Scandinavian States must be regarded as an answer to President Roosevelt's invitation to participate in moral encirclement combinations. The paper says that none of the States to-day can be quite certain that it will not some day receive immoral proposals that might embarrass it and eventually jeopardise its neutrality. — *Trans-Ocean.*

Rome Talks

Berlin, May 4.

Official quarters emphasise that no concrete decisions or developments are expected as an immediate result of Herr von Ribbentrop's visit to Rome.

It is naturally important that Germany and Italy should discuss possible developments in connection with Danzig and Poland, and the position of Yugo-Slavia.—*Reuter.*

Gafencu In Venice

Rome, May 4.

M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, who left Rome to-day for Belgrade on the penultimate stage of his long tour of European capitals, broke his journey at Venice in order to see the Rumanian Minister to Hungary, who had arrived there the previous day.

Immediately upon reaching Belgrade, M. Gafencu will call on the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister, Dr. Marcovic.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Polish Diet To Meet

WARSAW, May 4.—The Polish Chamber will meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning to hear Colonel Beck's reply to Herr Hitler.

Colonel Beck is expected to speak at 11.15. The speech will be broadcast throughout Poland, and relayed to the United States. There will be translations of the broadcast in English, French, and German.—*Reuter.*

GENEVIEVE ARRIVES IN HONGKONG

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grievously the war must have changed the place.

Wendy Barry's Next Part

Miss Tobin had not met Wendy Barry, Hongkong's contribution to Hollywood's Who's Who. Mr. Keighley, however, met her a few days before they sailed. She was taking a test for Warner Bros' impending production of "Elizabeth, the Queen."

The couple had not decided when the "Telegraph" went to press whether to sail by the Tegelberg at 5 p.m. to-day or to fly by Air France plane to-morrow morning. Miss Tobin's natural preference is for the Tegelberg, for she is nervous about flying—anyway, her confidence seems limited to American planes, with which she naturally is most familiar.

"She's Married Now"

They have ahead of them a tour which takes in the East Indies, Angkor, and most Oriental stopping places. They are due back in Hollywood on July 20. Mr. Keighley will go right on handling a megaphone for Warner Bros; Miss Tobin, who is not at present under contract, has no definite intentions. She is not, however, likely to go back to the New York stage, having recently refused an invitation to play there. As Mr. Keighley remarked, "She is married now."

"O-ho, No!"

The Atlantic Clipper service will probably be operating when they reach England, but they won't use it. Miss Tobin's reply to the suggestion was, "O-ho no!"

800,000 MEN TO BE CONSCRIPTED IN U.K.

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convinced him there was no need for conscription in Britain.

To introduce this enormous elaboration of continental conscription into Britain for the sake of inducing young men to go to camp for three to six months, was really to use a steam hammer to crack a nut.

Volunteers Favoured

Mr. Lees-Smith contended that compared with Mr. Chamberlain's figures of 200,000 for training under conscription, the voluntary system, with reserves of men who had been trained under it, could produce 700,-000 men.

Sir Archibald Sinclair also spoke in favour of the voluntary system, and added that the preservation of peace depended on our strength, moral firmness, and the ability to impress that in good time upon the consciences of the rulers of other countries, and also on co-operation between ourselves and the other peace-loving nations.

"We must also convince the German and Italian people that our feelings are friendly towards them." added Sir Archibald.—*Reuter.*

Cheers For Eden

Sir Hugh O'Neill, the member for County Antrim, said that the reason for the exclusion of Northern Ireland from the bill was that the head of another State thought it right and proper to interfere, and had made the British Government change its mind.

Mr. Anthony Eden, who was greeted with cheers, denied that the voluntary system had altogether ceased to exist. It was true we were accepting a new principle, but he did not think anybody wanted to curtail the liberties of a subject.

Mr. Eden expressed the opinion that it was ridiculous to suggest that the introduction of conscription was the first step towards a totalitarian regime in this country. The House of Commons could immediately stop any movement in that direction, and there was no doubt that it would. There could be no compulsory service of any kind in this country unless it had an overwhelming measure of voluntary support.—*Reuter.*

Scene In House

London, May 4.

There was a "scene" in the House of Commons to-day.

At one moment the House was listening with quiet intentness to Mr. Chamberlain's explanation of the effects of the Military Training Bill (Conscription) and the next pandemonium broke out.

All because the Premier had said: "It has been decided not to extend conscription to the six counties of Northern Ireland."

That did it! A section of the House rose and roared its protest, and some time elapsed before the Speaker could restore order to enable Mr. Chamberlain to resume his speech, says a "Trans-Ocean" message.

Government's Conduct

London, May 4.

Mr. J. Kirkwood said that the men of the Clyde would rather strike than yield to conscription.

Mr. D. R. Grenfell, winding up for the Opposition, said that this country was not going down, but if the opinion that it was had been created abroad, it was due to the conduct of the British Government.

The Minister for Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, said that those who predicted the voluntary system would break down immediately conscription was introduced would be proved wrong. He quoted figures showing that the proposed conscription measure had not adversely affected recruiting in the past few weeks.

Introduction of the bill had a more profound and steadying effect in Europe than any other event in recent weeks.—*Reuter.*

ANGLO-SOVIET PARLEYS: BREAK-DOWN RUMOURED

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follow up this sensational Soviet move by seeking to modify its attitude towards the Soviet Union. In fact, the whole question of German-Soviet relations finds no mention in the German press.

Most of the newspapers this evening give prominence to the embarrassment caused in London and Paris by the news. Certain it is, says the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," Litvinoff went all out to get the Soviet Union to abandon the reserve imposed upon it by a former period of isolation and to lead it to the West with flying colours.

The "Angriff" reports that Litvinoff has already moved out of his luxuriously furnished palace and has taken a three-roomed flat.

Ambassadors To Be Recalled?

In all probability, says the paper, the Soviet Ambassadors to London and Paris, M. Maisky and M. Suritz will be recalled, as they were both close collaborators with Litvinoff.

A despatch from Warsaw says that at the conference held in the Kremlin on Wednesday, M. Stalin presided and among others present were M. Voroshiloff and M. Zdanoff. When it came to discussing the British proposals, a fierce dispute arose between Zdanoff and Litvinoff. It is believed that the Red Army is opposed to a foreign policy which would entail Soviet commitments of a far-reaching character.

When the conference ended, Litvinoff handed in his resignation.—*Trans-Ocean.*

GIBRALTAR, May 4.—The Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in Gibraltar has been appointed deputy Governor during the absence of General Ironside, who is paying a periodical visit to the military commander of French Morocco.—*Reuter.*

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Australia and Manila	Tanda	May 5.
Shanghai	Glenapp	May 6.
Shanghai	Gneisenau	May 6.
Tientsin and Swatow	Hupeh	May 6.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kingyuan	May 6.
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Java	Tjisalak	May 6.
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Straits	Anhui	May 7.
Haiphong	Canton	May 7.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 6th April.	Haruna Maru	May 7.
Japan	Regensburg	May 7.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Soochow	May 7.
Japan	Arabia Maru	May 8.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 3rd May	Imperial Airways Plane	May 8.
Japan	Tango Maru	May 8.
Java and Manila	Tjisadane	May 8.
Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	May 9.
Australia and Manila	Taiping	May 9.
Japan	Teiresias	May 9.
Shanghai	Lima Maru	May 10.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 3rd May.	Pan American Airways plane	May 10.
Saigon	Pres. Doumer	May 10.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.) London date, 13th April and London Parcels—London date, 6th April	Ranchi	May 10.
Shanghai	Talthybius	May 10.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Friday		
Shanghai	Hunan	Fri., May 5, 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Laos	Fri., May 5, 1.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wah	Fri., May 5, 2 p.m.
Swatow	Suiyang	Fri., May 5, 2.30 p.m.
Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion and Madagascar	Tegelberg	Fri., May 5, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., May 5, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service".	Air France Plane	Fri., May 5. K.P.O. Reg., May 5, 5 p.m. Ord., May 5, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., May 5, 5 p.m. Ord., May 5, 7 p.m.
Madang, Salamaua, Tulagi and Rabaul	Friderun	Fri., May 5, 7.00 p.m.
Papers only for Straits and (Parcels and Papers) for Calcutta	Santhia	Fri., May 5. Parcels May 5, 5 p.m. Papers May 6, 8.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Shanghai	Tanda	Sat., May 6, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 18th May	Suwa Maru	Sat., May 6. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg. May 6, 1.30 p.m. Ord. May 6, 2 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles —due Marseilles 6th June	Suwa Maru	Sat., May 6. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg. May 6, 1.45 p.m. Ord. May 6, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Chuanchow and Foochow	Haiching	Sat., May 6, 2 p.m.
Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Gneisenau	Sat., May 6, 4.30 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Haruna Maru	Sat., May 6, 5 p.m.
Sunday		
Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Shantung	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Haiphong	Taisang	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Japan	Yuensang	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Haiphong	Tunni	Mon., May 8, 9.00 a.m.
Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques and (Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban)	Arabia Maru	Sat., May 8, 2.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Pakhoi	Kwangtung	Mon., May 8, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 15th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., May 8. K.P.O. Reg. May 8, 5 p.m. Ord. May 8, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. May 8, 5 p.m. Ord. May 8, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 15th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., May 8. K.P.O. Reg. May 8, 5 p.m. Ord. May 8, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. May 8, 5 p.m. Ord. May 8, 7 p.m.
Tuesday		
Canton	Fatshan	Tues., May 9, 7.15 a.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Yunnan	Tues., May 9, 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Jean Dupuis	Tues., May 9, 2 p.m.
Chuanchow and Amoy	Kingyuan	Tues., May 9, 3.30 p.m.

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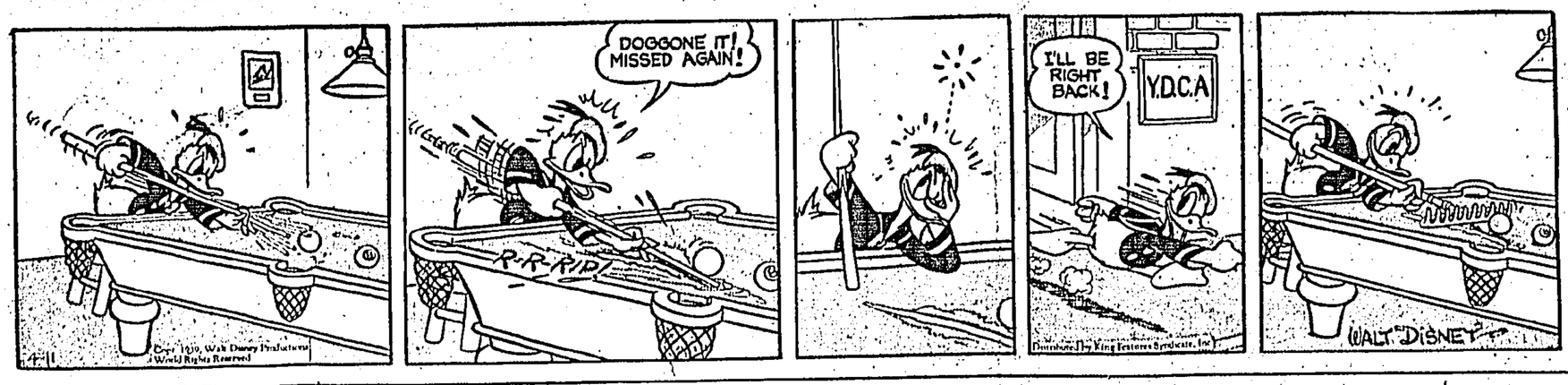

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GOODWILL FLIGHT

Junkers Plane Arrives Safely At Tokyo

Tokyo, May 4.

Credited with having successfully paved the way for the inauguration of a regular air service between Berlin and Tokyo, the German Junkers passenger monoplane, piloted by Baron Von Gablenz director of the Lufthansa Aircraft Company, came to a perfect landing at the Haneda aerodrome at 2.03 p.m. today.

The plane left Taihoku, Formosa, at 3.08 a.m. on the last lap of its 10,000 miles flight from Berlin to Tokyo and arrived at Fukuoka, Kyushu, at 8.58. After refuelling, the plane took off from Fukuoka at 10.05 for Tokyo and passed over Osaka at 12.14.

The plane left the Tempelhov aerodrome, Berlin at 12.48 a.m. on April 22 (8.48 a.m. April 22 Tokyo time) and stopped at Athens, Beirut, Baghdad, Basra, Jask, Karachi, Jodhpur, Calcutta, Bangkok, Hanoi and Hongkong.

The first tangible result of the German fliers' efforts will be seen when a regular air route will be started between Berlin and Bangkok next month. The line will be extended to Tokyo next year.—*Domei.*

IRAN TO JAPAN

Tokyo, May 4.

The Japanese monoplane Soyokaze, (Gentle Breeze), which took the Emperor's wedding present to the Iranian Royal couple, will leave Teheran on May 15 for Tokyo. She will arrive in Tokyo on May 27, after staying a few days at Rangoon.—*Domei.*

NEW FAR EAST SERVICE

Hanoi, May 4.

To meet the increasing demand at home and abroad, Air France will inaugurate on July 1, a new air service linking Wiengtiane, capital of Laos, via Khorat with Bangkok.

A weekly service will also be opened on July 1 between Hanoi, Wiengtiane and Saigon.—*Domei.*

COLONY MAIL ARRIVES

The Imperial Airways plane Delia, arrived at Kai Tak yesterday at 5.30 p.m. with mail from all countries.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. May 5. Imperial Airways 7 a.m. May 9.

For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C., service indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila and Guam: Pan American, Honolulu Clipper 8.30 a.m. May 11.

For France, via Hanoi: Air France 6.30 a.m. May 6.

Inward

From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. May 8. Imperial Airways 5 p.m. May 11.

From U.S.A., via Guam, and Manila: Pan American Honolulu Clipper 12.30 p.m. May 10.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Service indefinite.

From France, via Hanoi: Air France 1 p.m. May 10.

FAREWELL TEA PARTY

Popular Member of Indian Community Leaves

Ninety members of the Hindu Association gave a farewell tea party at the roof garden of the Hongkong hotel yesterday to the honorary general secretary, Mr. M. R. Deb, of the Medical Department, who is shortly going on eight months leave to Calcutta.

Mr. H. S. Rathour will act as general secretary during his absence.

THE "TELEGRAPH" will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

IT'S THE SIT-BY-THE-FIRES WHO STAY MARRIED

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likes attract and marry is all wrong.

Measurements show that the tall man usually marries a tall woman with the same colour eyes, complexion, build, and so on.

And, of course, a man's range of prospective brides is limited to the circles he moves in.

All of which helps to ensure that most men get a wife very similar in every way to themselves.

One thing which makes for more divorces is that people are marrying later. People who marry before they are twenty-four have a slightly lower divorce rate than people who marry after.

Women especially have a better chance of making a successful marriage if they do it while they are young; they get a wider choice of husbands.

If a woman waits until thirty many of the eligible men in her circle will be married already. Maybe better never than late, in fact.

GOOD husbands and wives are usually quiet, unaggressive; their passions don't run high.

Bad ones are argumentative and restless at home. They are often ambitious, but they haven't got the mental stamina necessary to succeed.

They don't care what happens to other people providing the right things happen to them.

They're the sort of people who are only alive in public. They spend all the time they possibly can outside their homes.

They think of people who stay at home as people who have to stay at home because they aren't wanted anywhere else.

The idea of refusing an invitation from people they don't particularly like to do something which bores them simply doesn't cross their minds. They wouldn't think of refusing an invitation in order to stay at home and, say, listen to a concert on the radio.

And, looking at their homes, one doesn't blame them for trying to stay away.

Do you ever look round your home and loathe it? If you do it too often, beware.

Anthony Cotterell

STARTLED REACTIONS IN EUROPE

(Continued from Page 7.)

particularly opposed by military circles.

The *Express Poranny* declares that M. Molotov is strongly favoured by Moscow military circles, but that his appointment is bound to cause surprise in London.—*Trans-Ocean.*

New Post Suggested

Moscow, May 4.

No editorial comments on the fall of M. Litvinoff are to be found in to-day's papers here.

Official quarters manifest the utmost reserve and decline to comment on the event, hence it is so far impossible to find out whether Litvinoff will share the fate of the previously dismissed Soviet Commissars, or whether he will be appointed to some obscure post.

Diplomatic circles here are convinced that the fall of Litvinoff was not due either to reasons of home policy or to personal reasons. They believe that differences of opinion with M. Stalin on questions connected with the present European situation led to a brusque termination of Litvinoff's career. Since Litvinoff was present at the May 1 celebrations, it is surmised that the divergencies must have arisen between him and Stalin since that date.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Rubber Footwear

May Become Colony's Greatest Industry

While Hongkong has undoubtedly built its leading position among Pacific ports by its entrepot trade, that is not the only source of its prosperity; now it is fast growing into a great manufacturing city, to which the war in China has given an added stimulus.

Hongkong manufactured goods comprise a very wide range, and while some markets in China have been lost owing to Chinese tariff increases and the hostilities, they have apparently been almost counterbalanced by increased trade with other parts of the world.

The Colony's greatest individual industry is the manufacture of rubber footwear. There are four large factories devoted to this business, in which there has been a capital outlay of some $20,000,000. It employs slightly over 15,000 workmen and women. The products of these factories are not composed solely of footwear for they turn out rubber goods of all kinds but footwear predominates. In this line alone the value of exports last year amounted to $6,675,342.

Hongkong's chief customer is the British Empire. Great Britain alone took $3,031,743 worth of rubber footwear from Hongkong last year.

Without exception, all the canvas and rubber used by local factories are of British Empire origin. The canvas is imported from Britain and the rubber from British Malaya and Ceylon. The eyelets and binding tapes also come from England, but the laces are made in Hongkong.

Subsidiary Industries

Subsidiary industries, such as lace-making and the manufacture of card board cartons in which shoes are packed, provide sufficient work for hundreds of employees in other factories. With the growth of the rubber footwear industry, these subsidiary industries are also rapidly expanding.

At present all factories are a hive of industry but they are not all working at full pressure. The Fung Keong factory, Shaukiwan, and the Tai Hang factory, Tai Hang, two of the largest in the Colony turning out something like ten million pairs of footwear a year, are capable of a much greater output. Nor is there anything old-fashioned about them. At the Fung Keong factory up-to-date British machinery is used and, by means of a careful check on the product of each worker, a maximum standard of efficiency is maintained which, in turn, helps to support the high reputation of locally manufactured shoes in the world markets.

It is necessary for a modern factory like the Fung Keong to cope with the demand for every kind of footwear from all parts of the world. Thus, in designing patterns, climatic and other conditions have to be taken into consideration. While the bulk of Hongkong's output of footwear comprises shoes, large orders are always in hand for heavy farmers' boots and goloshes. These are in very popular favour in England.

The vast majority of Hongkong's shoe workers are women. Their task is light and they seem a happy enough crowd. The heavy work is done by men. Experience has made them into first class operatives, quick, accurate and yet painstaking. These are all essential too, since bad or slipshod work is quickly traced to the culprit!

To the rubber shoe trade of Hongkong the hostilities in China have not been without their benefits. The attenuated orders from China, especially from central China, have forced the trade to discover new markets and develop the markets already established in other parts of the world.

There is confidence that business with the outside world will continue to expand.

Visit to Factories

A visit to one of the big factories provides an hour of absorbing interest. In the main buildings are rows of women sitting at tables and performing their allotted task with amazing rapidity and skill. While on the one side they are cutting the rubber soles as easily as a pastry cook cuts tarts from piecrust, on the other they are what is known as "foxing" (binding the upper and inner soles together by a band of tape). Elsewhere hundreds of others are busy cutting the canvas uppers, which are then passed through to the stitching department where scores of sewing machines, driven by electricity, complete that part of the process with lightning speed.

The shoes are then placed in vulcanisers, hundreds at a time. For this purpose a large number of aluminium lasts are needed, because the sole, lining, toe-cap and upper of each shoe is assembled on a model last and is finally welded into a satisfactory whole in the vulcaniser. These aluminium lasts are made on the factory premises by skilled workers. It is a big business in itself as the company must have over 300,000 pairs of lasts for its normal needs.

What impresses one most is the speed at which everything is done. Mass production methods being employed, everything—even the human element—works like a machine. In business time is money. Time is certainly not wasted in the rubber shoes factories!

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1889.

The ship canal to connect Manchester with Liverpool is being rapidly constructed, 10,000 men and a great number of steam excavators being engaged upon it. The canal will be 35 miles long, 26 feet deep, and 120 feet wide at the bottom.

25 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1914.

The German war levy is now expected to yield £60,000,000 sterling, which is 20 per cent. more than was anticipated. This is apparently due to the provision guaranteeing immunity for former irregularities to all sending inaccurate assessments in connection with the levy, which disclosed the existence of large sums which had hitherto escaped taxation.

10 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1929.

The high tension resulting from the May day disturbances is giving rise to anxiety, and the police are now applying the curfew, as during the war, to the Weddin and Noukoein districts of Berlin.

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Mr. T. A. Ellis, second officer, Suiyang, is on reserve, Mr. F. S. Barron, from reserve, has gone second officer, Suiyang.

Mr. G. Forster, second engineer, Ninghai, is on reserve. Mr. F. Curry, from reserve, has gone second officer Ninghai.

Mr. A. T. McLellan, from shore employment, has gone extra third engineer officer, Hsin Peking. Mr. H. S. Luscombe, extra third engineer officer, Hsin Peking, has gone third engineer officer, Sunning. Mr. D. Watson, third engineer officer, Sunning, is on reserve.

Mr. J. R. Greig, chief engineer officer, Chinkiang, has gone extra chief engineer officer, Hsin Peking. Mr. R. H. Pock, chief engineer officer, Kiukiang, has gone chief engineer officer, Chinkiang. Mr. W. P. Barclay, chief engineer officer, Shengking, has gone chief engineer officer, Kiukiang. Mr. J. McArthur, chief engineer officer, Taming, has gone chief engineer officer, Shengking.

5 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1934.

Below is given the draw for the bridge tournament being held under the patronage of the Hon. Mr. R. E. Lindsell:

Table No. 1.—Messrs. A. D. Azavedo and A. H. Carroll v. Maj. Duclos and Mrs. Muzzall.

Table No. 2.—Com. H. Legge and Capt. T. Riggs v. Messrs. P. N. da Silva and H. Barros.

Table No. 3.—Messrs. Danenberg and L. A. Ozorio v. Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Valentine.

Table No. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ki v. Mrs. E. Warren and Mrs. M. A. Johnson.

Table No. 5.—Mrs. Keary and Mrs. Withington v. Col. Fordham and Dr. Smalley.

Table No. 6.—Mrs. H. Odell and Mrs. G. Forbes v. Mrs. F. S. Coote and Mr. H. F. Phillips.

The winning pairs of tables 1 to 5 will be required to play on Tuesday, 8th instant, at 5.30 p.m.

MEAT FLOOR OPENED

102 More Central Market Stalls Active

One hundred and two more stalls became active in the Central Market yesterday when the first floor, accommodating the Beef and Pork sections, was thrown open for business. This meant that 204 stalls were in operation, the Fish and Poultry sections on the ground floor having started trading on Wednesday.

A visit to the market during the bustle and bedlam of trading yesterday gave the impression that the market will become as much a tourist sight as it is a food dispensary. The wisdom of sloping the floor away from the middle of each avenue seemed to be proved, for the floor was dry underfoot and progress was much more pleasant than in other slushy markets.

The market will come into full operation to-day when the fruit and vegetable stalls on the top floor will begin business. There was preparatory bustle yesterday when stallholders were attending the painting of their signs, fitting partitions for their shelves, and moving in their less perishable goods.

POLICE OBSTRUCTED

Man and Woman Fined For Hindering Arrest

Arising from the arrest of a boat-woman for theft of a piece of firewood from the harbour on April 21, the woman's daughter, Leung Chun, 17, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday with obstructing a Chinese detective. A Fire Brigade fireboat coxswain, Kwok Ngan, 38, was charged with assaulting and obstructing the officer. Both denied the charges.

Yeung Sang, the detective, said as the result of a report of theft of firewood from a junk, he searched the woman's junk at Wanchai, and found a log of firewood concealed in the stern. When he asked the woman to accompany him to the police station, she refused and he caught hold of her but she struggled.

The woman's daughter pulled his arm as he was conducting the woman along Gloucester Road and Kwok Ngan struck him on the shoulder, declaring he was a Government servant, and telling him to let the woman go. Yeung tried to arrest him but he ran away, to be stopped outside Wanchai police station by another detective.

Leung declared Yeung was pulling her mother along the road by her hair and striking her. She went to assist her mother with ointment given her by a passer-by.

Kwok said he did not know the cause of the excitement and was merely watching when the detective accused him of striking him.

A boat-woman, Cheung Tsuen, said she gave Leung ointment to revive her mother.

Asked by the Magistrate how she could see when her boat was 10 feet below the level of the road, the woman replied she had climbed up the mast.

Mr. Forrest said he did not believe her story. Convicting both defendants, he remarked that in the case of the girl, he believed she had lost her head, as the woman was her mother. He impressed upon both that the offences were serious and even if they believed a policeman had arrested someone wrongly, it was the business of the Court to decide that, and they should go to Court as witnesses. The girl was fined $5.

In Kwok's case, Mr. Forrest remarked that the matter had nothing to do with him and that he should have assisted the policeman. He viewed his offence a great deal worse than the girl's and fined him $25.

HOME NURSING EXAM

Successful Candidates In Recent Test

An examination in home nursing was held at the Queen Mary Hospital on Wednesday, the medical examiners being Dr. A. L. Forbes and Dr. A. Sydenham. The nurse examiners were Mrs. H. Angus, Mrs. D. Hoare and Mrs. M. Whelan.

The following satisfied the examiners and will be awarded the St. John Ambulance Certificate:

Mesdames V. R. Anderson, E. S. C. Brooks, Bowden, F. J. Clarke, K. A. Crommelin, Jean Chalmers, J. M. Dalziel, M. B. Davidson, W. T. Fulker, N B. Fraser, N. P. Fox, Pearson Grant, A. Gowans, W. L. Handyside, H. B. Leiper, W. O. Lambert, J. H. Littlejohn, Victoria Lo, Anne Leong, Cissy McAdam, Jessie Main, C. E. Moore, A. Pollard, Olive Potter, W. Park, Polson, L. de Rome, Edith Rowell, F. J. de Rome, M. W. Redwood, J. E. Richardson, P. Tod, M. Thompson, Agnes Tsang, G. E. S. Upsdell, R. J. Vernall, and Misses Peggy Everest and Agnes Leong.

WEDDINGS YESTERDAY

Two Couples Married At Registry Office

Mr. Andrew Petrovich Tkachenko, merchant, married Mrs. Efrossinia Usounoff (widow), of 3, Hankow Road, Kowloon, before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages at the Registry yesterday. Messrs. V. M. Kedrokivansky and D. Glazoonoff acted as witnesses.

Mr. Gould also officiated at the marriage between Mr. Tho Fook-wai, merchant, and Mr. Lau Yaw-hor, of 37 Mosque Street. The witnesses were the Rev. S. Kau Yan-lee, and Messrs. Tho Ngai-fu, Yu Kwai-luen and S. S. Fenn.

MR. AW AND MISS CHAN

The marriage took place yesterday afternoon between Mr. Aw Ho and Miss Chan Shau-yung, at Haw Par Mansion, Tai Hang Road.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Aw Boon-haw, well-known Singapore millionaire.

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12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Selections from Puccini's Operas.

"La Boheme"—Musetta's Waltz Song...Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra;—Your Tiny Hand Is Frozen....Michael Bartlett (Tenor) with Orchestra. (Sung in Italian); "Tosca"—Selection....Marek Weber and His Orchestra; "Turandot"—Weep Not, Liu!—Nobody Shall Sleep!....Alessandro Valente (Tenor) with Orchestra. (Sung in Italian); "Madam Butterfly"—Child From Whose Eyes;—See I Have Caught You....Sheridan (Soprano) and Pertile (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Tchaikovsky—Aurora's Wedding—Ballet Music.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Efrem Kurtz.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Margatroyd and Winterbottom, Mary Ellis, The Aaron Sisters, and Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

Fold Your Wings ('Glamorous Night'—Novello)....Mary Ellis and Trefor Jones (Vocal Duet) accomp. by the Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; T'Aint No Use (Lane); Wah-Hoo! (Friend)...Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra; Art (Frankau-Handley-Crick); About Cruises (Frankau-Handley-Crick) .... Margatroyd and Winterbottom (Two minds with not a single thought) with Monte Crick at the Piano; Is It True What They Say About Dixie (Lerner, Marks); Robins and Roses (Burke)....Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra; How'm I Doin'? (Fowler and Redman); The St. Louis Blues (Handy)....Aaron Sisters.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Kindu lonesome; (b) Black Eyes; (c) Two sleepy people; (d) Sensation.

6.14 Record: Baby, Whatcha Gonna Do To-night (film 'Good Morning Boys'); Head Over Heels In Love (film 'Head over Heels')....Lilli Palmer (Vocal) with Orchestra.

6.21 (a) Blue Venetian Waters; (b) Jungle Drums; (c) Wanna; (d) Calentito.

6.35 Records: "The Great Ziegfeld"—Fox-Trot Medley.....The Keyboarders (Two Pianos and Drums); It Sends Me (Hawkins)....Coleman Hawking (Saxophone) with 'Buck' Washington at the Piano.

6.44 (a) At your beck and call; (b) Could be; (c) I hadn't anyone until you (d) Christopher Columbus.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 'Cello Solos by Beatrice Harrison.

Caprice (Delius); Elegie (Delius)...with Orchestra; Adagio (Marcello, arr. Salmon); Pastorale; Reel (Cyril Scott)....with Piano accompaniment by Margaret Harrison.

7.15 Strauss—Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme, Suite Op. 60.

Walther Straram Orchestra (of Paris).

7.47 Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

Morgen, Op. 27, No. 4 (Strauss); Standchen, Op. 17, No. 2 (Strauss)...with Violin Obbligato by Isolde Menges and Orchestra; Be Praised, Thou Peaceful Night ('The Vagabond'—Zichrer)....with Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Quentin Maclean at the Organ.

Edward German Selection; With Eric Coates Thro' London (Knightsbridge to London Bridge).

8.15 Studio—Interview with Miss Genevieve Tobin and Mr. William Keighley.

8.30 Studio—Concert by The Harmony Three and Hal Lorenzo.

9.00 J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

My Sweetheart When A Boy (Morgan-arr. Willoughby); Silver Threads Among The Gold (Danks-arr. Willoughby); A Venetian Barcarolle—Serenade (arr. Willoughby)....with Vocal Quartette.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—'More Food for Thought'.

Short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 Next week's programme.

9.55 Military Band Music.

Coronation Processional Music (Selected from the Music in the Royal Procession, Coronation Day, May 12th, 1937)....Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Major George Miller.

10.00 London Relay—'Scrapbook For 1929'.

Memories and melodies of ten years ago. Presented by Leslie Baily and Charles Brewer. The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra conducted by Louis Levy.

11.00 Close Down.

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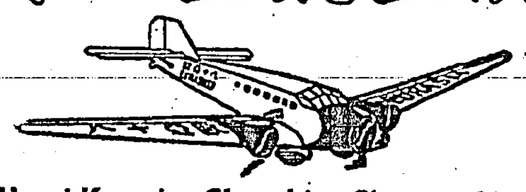
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Brain-wave!

ON TUESDAY Britain deported six Germans as undesirable. Germany counters yesterday by deporting six Britons. Belgium joins in by deporting a German.

We see great possibilities if this is kept up.

Britain should retaliate now for yesterday's deportations by deporting some more Germans. Then Germany will retaliate again.

If only all the nations will join in this merry little game, we'll be able to settle Europe's minority problem. Let's deport all the Germans back to Germany, and the Germans can deport all their aliens back to their own countries and everyone will be happy.

It's what Hitler wants, isn't it?

105th Time

IT IS an anti-climax to read that the League Council is assembling for its 105th session on May 15.

China is the big subject on the agenda, but what on earth will the League do except once more to deplore the hostilities. Even "gestures" are beyond Geneva now.

The one useful offshoot of the meeting will be to allow Lord Halifax, who is representing Britain, and the other delegates to get together and thrash out this problem of a united front against aggression, which is taking so long in coming to fruition.

It is highly improbable that the Council meeting will last more than a few hours and it is highly probable that it may be the last meeting of the League.

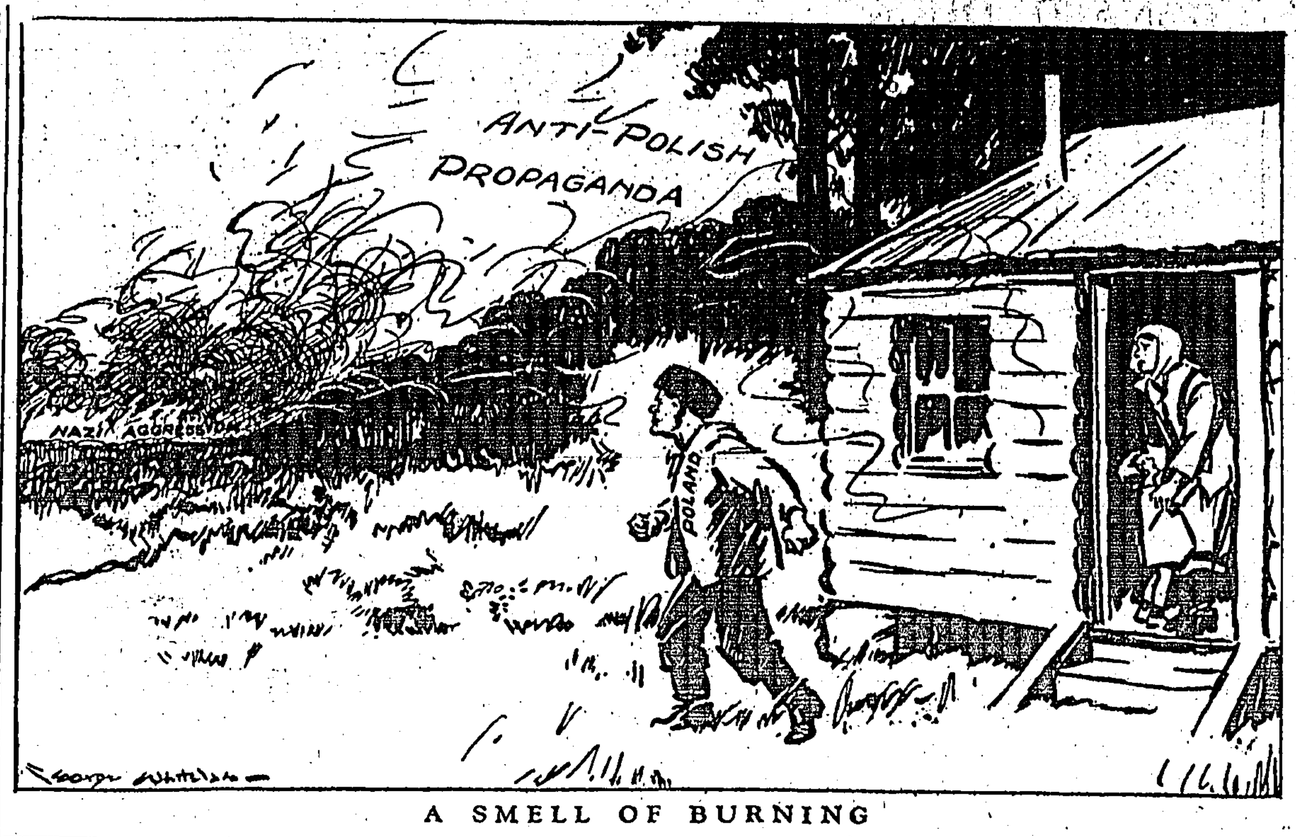
China Station

THE DEPARTURE from Hongkong during the week-end of H.M.S. Cardiff, en route to England for refit and recommission, and the impending arrival of H.M.S. Edinburgh is more significant than might appear at first sight.

It is all part of the steady building up of Britain's naval strength in the Far East. The 10,000-ton cruiser is already en route to Hongkong with 8-inch guns and the Edinburgh carries twelve 6-inch guns, as compared with the five of the Cardiff, and is considerably faster.

The China Squadron has never regained the strength of pre-war days, when Hongkong saw battleships in its harbour. Britain has not had the ships to spare because of the Washington limitation.

The East Indies and China Squadrons are gradually taking shape. In emergency they would join together to form a fairly powerful homogeneous squadron.



A SMELL OF BURNING

It's The Sit-By-The-Fires Who Stay Married

IF Britain's divorce rates go on increasing the way they have been for the past sixty years, then by 2086 the majority of marriages will end in divorce.

Sounds unlikely, doesn't it? But no one knows any good reason why things shouldn't develop that way.

You can learn a lot about how to run a marriage from studying how and why people fail. And it may sharpen your thirst for knowledge to know that divorced people die young. (Their death-rate is as high as that of widowed people, though they are much younger.)

The chances of your getting divorced depend on the way you live, and the way you live is largely determined by your job.

Analyse the jobs of the men who get divorced in any one year, and you'll get a table like this:—

	Per cent.
Services	22
Artistic professions	18
Leisured classes	16
Commercial travellers	
"Poor persons" (not classified under other headings)	12
Business people	10
Lawyers	3
Doctors	2
Unclassified	2
Clergymen	1

More interesting than most tables, isn't it? Well, so it ought to be. It may hit you in the heart.

ALL the same, for most people it's still something to read about in the papers, like hunting, shooting, and the classier kinds of fishing.

They are still rather proud of knowing a divorcee; in the same way that it gives most young men a kick to know an actress, however depressingly virtuous she may be.

If you live in London the chances of knowing either are about the same. Eight thousand of Britain's 35,000 divorcees (about 21,000 women, 14,000 men) live there, and about the same number of actresses.

HOW TO BE HAPPY EVEN AFTER . . . .

The reason for this little snobbery is that on the whole you find a more glamorous—and adventurous crowd of people in the divorce courts than you do entered for the Dunmow Flitch. It may be praiseworthy to keep the aspidistra flying, but nobody cares.

THE table at the beginning of this article shouts aloud that the secret of successful marriage is to learn how to stay at home.

We are losing that art, as they are in the United States, where the sewing machine trade has been on the down for years.

You find that people who spend their lives working among divorcees are inclined to attribute the rising figures to all sorts of sinister causes, such as immorality, crime, insanity, sexual maladjustment.

But 50 per cent. of the people who come to the divorce courts have been married more than ten years (though the fifth year is the most dangerous). And surely any big mental abnormality or physical incompatibility should appear before that.

No, the reason for most divorces is lack of a proper home and children.

Forty-two per cent. of divorced marriages are childless, 33 per cent. have only one child.

And if you look at that table again you'll see that the men whose work comes under the top four headings don't stay home much for one reason or another.

Men in the services are always being sent somewhere else, which means being separated a lot from their wives, and absence makes the heart wander.

Secondly, they have plenty of leisure.

Then there's the cost of high living which they have to go in for without having enough money to pay for it.

The artistic professions, second on the list, also have their share of money troubles.

But what lands them in the cart more than anything, apart from having bad homes and no children, is self-centredness. So many of them think they are entitled to consider their own feelings and requirements to the exclusion of every one else's.

DOES it surprise you that the services come top? Most people expect the leisured classes to win.

And, of course, if the leisured classes took every emotional deviation into the courts they would come out right in front. But they don't take infidelity to heart so.

You may say that the leisured classes' high position on the table rather breaks down the home-is-the-secret-of-successful-marriage theory. They certainly have good homes.

But home doesn't mean a thing to the sort of rich people who land in the divorce courts. Other people's money and brains furnish it and run it for them. It's a toy, not a home.

It's not much more to them than the room which a commercial traveller hires for the night.

Plenty of clergymen, doctors, and lawyers would like to get divorced, but it would ruin them, so they carry on just as they are; not married, simply not divorced.

I was talking about this the other day with old Mrs. Tiedeman, who runs the Divorce Law Reform Union from a dingy basement office in Chancery-lane, and she says that a tremendous lot of civil servants want to get divorced; but don't, for the same reasons.

Well, of course, everybody wants to get divorced at some time, but if you've got a home and children it's not so easy.

ARE you saying, What about the woman? What's the use of explaining away divorce in terms of men's jobs, and so ignoring 50 per cent. of the parties?

But it's all right. For that old and popular idea that un-

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"The things we have will all out this room nicely, except for that corner and I think Grandpa will just fit in there."

JAPAN WILL NOT JOIN AXIS AGAINST THE DEMOCRACIES

Likely Weakening Of Anti-Comintern Pact

Tokyo, May 4.

It is learned from Government sources that the Premier, Baron Hiranuma, has obtained Imperial sanction to strictly limit the Japan-Germany-Italy military alliance against Soviet aggression.

This constitutes a refusal to join the European dictatorships against the democracies' line-up, and far-reaching repercussions are expected.

The possibilities are;

That Germany and Italy might refuse to accept an agreement naming the Soviet exclusively;

The weakening of the whole anti-Comintern agreement, since Japan would be unwilling to participate against the democracies and Italy is not interested in Soviet problems;

It might replace the present Japanese-German anti-Comintern relations with active antagonisms which have been long brewing under the surface.

Japanese leaders, canvassed as to those possibilities, decided that they were willing to risk particularly in the event of weakening their German connections, that it would improve Japanese relations with Britain, France and the United States.

The multitudinous discussions are strengthening Japan's determination to confine the alliance to Soviet affairs, eliminating the possibility that Germany might draw Japan against Britain and France.

Ambassador Active

Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Tokyo, is very active, presumably in connection with the Anglo-Soviet negotiations, upon which he assured Mr. Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, that Britain refuses to make any Far Eastern guarantees.

It is learned that Sir Robert Craigie secretly conferred with Mr. Arita at the Tokyo Kaikan Restaurant in order to avoid reporters and at the official's residence. He also conferred secretly with the Minister to the Imperial Household, Mr. Tsuneo Matsudaira.

Sir Robert Craigie's activities are a possible forerunner of British good offices in a China settlement.

During the lengthy dealings of the Rome-Tokyo negotiations towards an alliance, it is understood that Berlin threatened to deal with the Soviet unless Japan consented to broaden the anti-democracies alliance.

Resentment Aroused

Alleged German efforts to dictate Japanese policy aroused the resentment, the Cabinet maintaining that Japan is independent and capable of determining her own destiny. To ease developments Mr. Shiratori expressed a desire to resign, since he participated in the original anti-Comintern evolvement in 1936. The resignation might be accepted.

It is indicated that Japan is expecting a definite answer soon from Berlin and Rome whether they are willing to have the alliance against the Soviet exclusively, after which some announcement is likely to be made.

Some factions of the Army still favour a broad anti-democracies alliance, and even agitate a Cabinet overthrow on that issue. The Navy favours avoidance of European entanglement.—*United Press.*

Ambassadors Told

Tokyo, May 4.

Mr. Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, invited the Italian Ambassador, Signor Auriti, and the German Ambassador, Dr. Ott, to the Foreign Office separately.

It is understood from reliable information that Mr. Arita informed the Ambassadors that Japan will follow the policy outlined.—*United Press.*

Conferences In Tokyo

Tokyo, May 4.

The Foreign Minister, Hachiro Arita, this afternoon received at the Foreign Office the Italian Ambassador, Signor Gincinto Auriti, and the German Ambassador, Herr Eugen Ott, separately and exchanged information regarding the developments in the European situation.

Baron Kumao Harada, private secretary of Prince Kimmochi Saionji, only surviving Genro, this morning called on the Prince at the latter's villa at Okitsu in Shizuoka Prefecture. It is reported that Baron Harada reported to the elder statesman on the European situation. —*Domei.*

BRITISH REACTION

London, May 4.

After reviewing the varied implications of M. Litvinov's removal and the events now taking place behind the scenes in Japan, the *Evening Standard* in an editorial comments on the reasonable attitude being observed by Japan, stating that it must make its mark on Russian opinion.

The once threatening pressure on the Soviet's eastern border, the paper states, is relaxed just at a moment that in the west it is deepening. The rift between the Poles and the Germans and the guarantee to Poland by France and Britain sets up a buffer between Germany and Russia.

While recognising the immense difficulties in the way of such a conclusion, the *Evening Standard* observes, "We may yet see the lion and the lamb lying down together.

"Meanwhile the refusal of Japan to transform the anti-Comintern Pact into an alliance makes it difficult for the dictator Powers in Europe to contemplate the final test of war in any near of foreseeable future."—*Reuter.*

MR. H. ARITA

Haiphong To Become Free Port?

Hanoi, May 4.

In response to repeated petitions of the Chinese, the French Indo-China authorities are considering the possibility of making Haiphong a free port. It is pointed out that since the end of last year the Chinese have been continuing the movement to open Haiphong and enliven the transit of goods to China through French Indo-China.

The question was first raised 40 years ago and in April, 1901, the Haiphong Chamber of Commerce submitted a report to the Overseas Trade Council in France stressing the advisability of opening the Indo-China port. On April 24, this year, the Haiphong Chamber of Commerce again agreed on the plan.

It is understood that the Governor of French Indo-China will negotiate with his home Government in response to the suggestions.—*Domei.*

ANNAM REFUGEE ZONE

Hanoi, May 4.

In an effort to prevent clashes between Annamese and Chinese, the French Indo-China authorities are contemplating the advisability of establishing special zones to accommodate Chinese refugees.

In the event of the plan materialising, all important districts in French Indo-China will be provided with concentration camps for Chinese refugees.—*Domei.*

INDO-CHINA EMBARGO

Hanoi, May 4.

Local merchants engaged in the export of iron ores to Japan, including the Indo-China Industrial Company affiliated with Japanese interests, are seriously threatened with the prolonged embargo on shipment of iron ores from the colony.

The ban on ores shipment was completed when the Governor of French Indo-China was ordered by his home Government to suspend the system of licensing. The Indo-China Industrial Company which has been planning to export 20,000 tons of iron ores per month, this year, is anticipated even to suspend business totally.

The Hokko Maru, 5,000-ton freighter, after waiting eight days, left Haiphong on April 24 without shipping any cargo.—*Domei.*

Japan And New Naval Building Race

Tokyo, May 4.

Replenishment of armaments by Western Powers in the Far East demonstrates increasing political pressure directed against Japan in connection with the latter's efforts for construction of a new order in East Asia, declares a pamphlet issued by the Publicity Bureau of the Navy Ministry entitled "Thirty-Fourth Navy Day."

Reviewing the naval building race now in full swing among the Naval Powers, the booklet says that 15 battleships are now under construction in Great Britain, the United States, France, Italy and Germany with another six planned by Great Britain and the United States.

Describing the fortifications of the Pacific Ocean by Great Britain and the United States, the pamphlet calls attention to Wake, Midway, and Johnston Islands, Alaska, Aleutian Islands, Singapore and Port Darwin.

The pamphlet says that the Soviet Navy is anxious to open a waterway through the Arctic to the Far East, concentrating 60 submarines at Vladivostok and other bases in the Far East. The pamphlet understands that 1,500 Soviet planes are standing by.

It declares that the Japanese Navy will leave nothing to be desired in building up a powerful fleet to meet Japan's special requirements in the face of the current international situation.

Emphasising the vital importance of maintaining command of sea, the pamphlet states that in case Japan's naval strength weakens, foreign intervention is sure to follow in the proposed construction of a new order in East Asia.—*Domei.*

More Nazis To Be Expelled

London, May 4.

Following the expulsion of nine Nazi Party officials from Britain it is understood that a longer list, very likely totalling as much as 30, is now being drafted and may be announced within a few days.

The list is understood to include three prominent German journalists.

Others will be the leaders of the three main Nazi organisations. Official quarters here are desirous of emphasising that if German journalists are asked to leave it will not be because of the tone of their dispatches but because of their political activity.—*United Press.*

Britain

No Deflation Policy Is Promised

London, May 4.

The assurance that the Government is not pursuing and does not intend to pursue any kind of policy of deflation was given by Sir John Simon, Chancellor of The Exchequer, in the House of Commons this afternoon, when the Conservative member for Evesham, Mr. R. de la Bere, asked whether during the past two months there had been a policy bordering on deflation, and did not the Bank of England, the Treasury and the Midland Bank seem to take very different view points.

Sir John Simon replied that inflation, deflation and all the rest of it were very difficult words. He believed that the Government was pursuing the right policy.

Mr. W. Craven-Ellis, Conservative for Southampton, asked if Sir John Simon was satisfied that the Bank of England's inflationary policy was likely to assist him in maintaining cheap money rates.

Sir John Simon agreed that a policy of cheap money rates on the whole was of great advantage.—*Reuter.*

Returns From Trek

London, May 4.

After a 15,000 miles journey by train, sea, air, on horse-back and on foot, to investigate the possibilities of settling refugees in British Guiana, Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones and Sir Geoffrey Evans have returned to England.

They represented the British Government on a Commission suggested by President Roosevelt which was sent to British Guiana to inquire into the suitability of an area of 44,000 square miles on the Bolivian border for a refugee settlement.

The land is virgin forest and savannah country, a prairie where the main industry is cattle raising. The mountains are deserted. A unanimous report has been presented to the President of the Commission at New York and forwarded to the British Colonial Secretary for consideration by Lord Hailey's Commission.—*British Wireless.*

EXTORTION ALLEGED

Police Interpreter Has Another Remand

Un Shiuk, 23, police interpreter, appeared before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday charged with extortion and demanding money with menaces from Lau Hoi-wuk, foreman, at the Hip On Club, Hunghom, on April 23.

Un, who is alleged to have extorted $110 and demanded $120 from Lau, was remanded for a week. The case will be for committal.

Resignation Of M. Litvinoff

STARTLED REACTIONS IN EUROPE

London, May 4.

The Soviet Foreign Minister's resignation has come as a surprise to diplomats here whose first reaction was that it may represent a victory for the Soviet isolationists who are opposed to M. Litvinoff's policy of co-operation with the western powers.

Soviet sources here have been predicting during the past few days that the Soviets would break off negotiations with Britain and France if they failed to accept the Soviet offer of an ironclad mutual assistance pact. It is thought, therefore, that the isolationists, who are believed to include military chiefs, feel that it is useless to seek Franco-British aid in halting aggression in Europe and that the Soviets should withdraw behind their own frontier from whence they could repel any direct attack on the Soviet Union.—*United Press.*

CONSIDERED SET-BACK

London, May 4.

Although little information is available, British political circles seem to share the opinion that his withdrawal from the political arena must be regarded as a setback for Britain.

Although the *News Chronicle* reports that M. Molotov will continue the negotiations with Britain, it is generally assumed that Russia will now attempt to withdraw entirely from European politics and that she may seek to obtain confirmation of mutual neutrality (included in the Berlin agreement).

Regarding the differences of opinion which are said to have resulted in M. Litvinoff's resignation, it is pointed out in British political circles that the British Government definitely refused to extend a British guarantee to the Far East. The belief is expressed that any agreement between the Western Powers and Russia regarding the Far East would merely result in forcing Japan into military commitments to the anti-Comintern Powers.— *Trans-Ocean.*

JAPAN KNEW

London, May 4.

The Japanese Naval Attache, Captain Yano, some time ago mentioned two reports regarding M. Litvinoff. The first, which came true, was his impending resignation.

When questioned, M. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to London, at first seemed to be taken aback, then he quickly pooh-pooed the idea.

To-day it appears that the Japanese Intelligence Service "had something" and the second Japanese report acquires an interest that it would otherwise not posses.s

It was that Moscow was considering the appointment of M. Litvinoff as Ambassador to Washington.

Last week when the Secretary to the Japanese Embassy to Moscow, M. Ota, arrived in London, he told correspondents that he had information which was considered too confidential to send over the wires, even in Japanese code.—*United Press.*

FRENCH PRESS VIEW

Paris, May 4.

The French press is at a loss to explain the sudden resignation of the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Litvinoff, the *Matin* and the *Figaro* both inquiring whether the action was not due to the slowness with which the negotiations with the Western States were progressing.

Le Jour declares that the first news of this step was not exactly cheerful and indicates that the Soviet Union has signified in this manner its intention to withdraw from European politics into the isolation guaranteed by its vast expanse of territory, retaining as its only connecting links with Western Europe the Franco-Soviet and the German-Soviet agreement.

The paper recalls that M. Molotov has always been a violent opponent of any co-operation between the Soviet Union and the capitalist countries.—*Trans-Ocean.*

RESIGNATION DOUBTS

Berlin, May 4.

The morning papers as the sensation of the day publish in large headlines the resignation of M. Litvinoff. In the comments he is referred to as "one of the least successful Foreign Ministers but his methods as agent were extremely clever".

The assertion in the official Soviet communique that M. Litvinoff resigned at his own wish is regarded with considerable doubt by the German press.—*Trans-Ocean.*

POLISH COMMENT

Warsaw, May 4.

The complete collapse of the Genova policy is attributed by the Warsaw press this morning as the reason for Mr. Litvinoff's sudden resignation as Soviet Foreign Commissar. The semi-official *Gazeta Polska* states that the resignation was preceded by violent differences of opinion in leading political circles, Litvinoff having been widely criticised as not the proper man for conducting negotiations with Britain. His standpoint is said to have been

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Constitution Day

Warsaw, May 3.

With a million troops massed on the German frontier, Poland, to-day celebrated her Constitution Day with elaborate parades and manifestations of national unity.

Crowds along the parade route shouted "Long Live Poland! Down With Aggressors!"

Festivities in the Corridor were especially tense.—*United Press.*

More Bomb Outrages In England

London, May 3.

Further bomb outrages believed to be connected with the Irish Republican Army, occurred during the night, damaging property in Holborn (London), Birmingham and Coventry. Tear gas bombs exploded in two Liverpool cinemas and caused 15 persons to be taken to hospital, but there were no casualties in any of the incidents.—*Reuter.*

Two Sent to Hospital

London, May 4.

Two men were sent to hospital after an explosion in Charing Cross Road at 9.20 a.m. to-day. The explosion is attributed to a bomb.

This place is in the heart of the West End, adjoining Trafalgar Square and the National Gallery.—*United Press.*

London Explosions

London, May 4.

Two explosions occurred outside shop windows in London this morning.

At Birmingham last night an explosion occurred in a private house. An Irishman, his wife and two daughters were arrested for questioning.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Tear Gas Used

London, May 4.

A series of new bomb outrages was reported late last night from Liverpool and Birmingham.

At Birmingham the police made one arrest and confiscated considerable quantities of explosives. The arrested man is alleged to be a member of the Irish extremist organisation.

At Liverpool tear gas bombs were thrown in the auditorium of two cinemas, creating a panic and necessitating the taking of 15 persons to hospitals.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Modification Of Conscript Bill Sought

London, May 4.

The British Labour Party last night announced its intention to table a new motion amending the British military conscription bill. The motion states that the recruiting of volunteers is quite sufficient for national defence and that the British Government is pursuing an irresponsible foreign policy and that rearmament was handled inefficiently.

The motion has been signed by the Labour Party leader, Mr. C. R. Attlee, his deputy, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, and by Mr. H. P. Lees-Smith. The latter will submit the motion to-day in the House of Commons.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Issues Statement

Belfast, May 4.

The Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Labour Party has issued a statement protesting against conscription and also repudiating Lord Craigavon's speaking for working men in Northern Ireland when he advocated conscription.—*United Press.*

Irish Labour Protests

Belfast, May 4.

The executive committee of the North-Irish Labour Party last night published a resolution protesting against the extending of the British military conscription bill to North Ireland.—*Trans-Ocean.*

BARTER PLAN

U.S. And Britain Agreement

London, May 4.

In the House of Commons the Prime Minister announced that negotiations have been opened with the United States for an exchange of certain raw materials required as strategic reserves in both countries.

The initiative in this matter came from the United States and the Government is fully alive to the importance of the suggestion.

While fully sharing the United States Government's objections to attempts to substitute barter for ordinary international trade, the Government agreed that in special circumstances at the present time an exchange of materials which would not enter into normal commerce was not open to the same objections, provided world prices were not increased.—*Reuter.*

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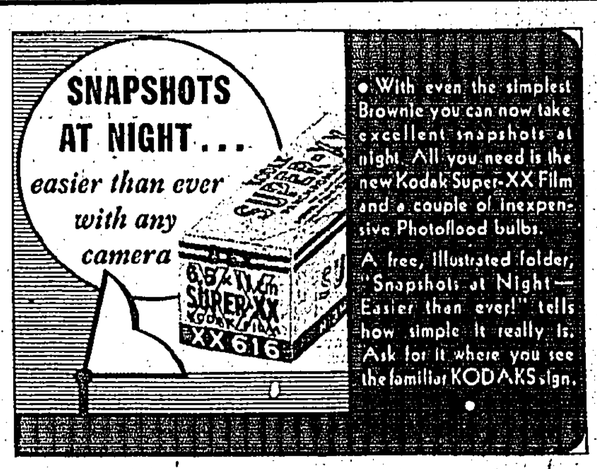

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WEIGHING OUT FOR BRISBANE SPRING H'CAP

Good Entries Received For Fourth Extra

(By "Captain Foster")

Very good entries have been received for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held to-morrow at Happy Valley. Nominations total 48 for the Taimoshan Handicap for China ponies "D" class, which is to be divided into two sections at the discretion of the handicapper. A programme of nine interesting events will be presented to the racing public, the major portion of the contests being distance runs and the first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

After a sojourn of four months in Fanling, Strathroy, the ex-champion belonging to Mr. J. F. Macgregor, will weigh out with Mr. D. Black up for the Brisbane Spring Handicap for Australian ponies of any season over 1¼ miles. In some quarters, Pinfarthings (owned by Major J. M. Smith) is considered to have a rosy chance in the Mount Davis Handicap (first section) for "C" class China raters over a course from the two mile post, once round and in. Encouraged by the success of the latter, the Kwanti racing folks have nominated Clowner (1937 Subgriffin) owned by the stable Levis, and Jack O'Lantern (1933 Subgriffin) the property of A. H. P. for the Taimoshan Handicap. In addition there is Scarlett O'Hara, a discarded Australian pony belonging to Mr. M. F. L. Haymes which has been entered for the Charters Towers Handicap and it looks that we have to keep a sharp look-out on all these country candidates.

There is no promise by the weather expert that we are going to have a sunny afternoon and in the circumstance we may look forward to some general upsets.

Hectic View To Shoulder Top Weight

The opening event will be the Mount Gough Handicap for China ponies, bona fide griffins of this season, that have not won more than $1,250 in stakes and the jaunt is over the champion course. After two successful outings Hectic View has been set to shoulder the top weight, but there is good reason to believe that the course of 1¼ miles is too long for Mr. Lan's stallion. I much prefer his other candidate, Peaceful View, who ran a good race behind the winner (Lilliber) in the Griffins Spring Handicap at the Annual Carnival. The third pony was English Cavalier. The latter has not appeared in public after this run and it seems to me that English Cavalier will be Mr. Poy's mount, Mr. Encarnacao riding Rose Emily. Of the two from Mr. Eu Tong-sen's stable, Rose Emily is no doubt a better pony and the mare is my fancy. Forgotten Star is not a bad outsider, but cannot say whether the sloppy course is to his liking. Galveston Bay is at the bottom of the ladder with only 140 lbs. to carry and, should the going be firm, I would recommend $5 each way on this moke.

Makes Debut In "C" Class

What is the matter with Soldier of Britain? If memory recalls, this China pony was a hot favourite for the 1934 Blue Riband but he finished among the "also rans" owing to a soft going. He has, however, a few classic events to his credit. Soldier of Britain will make his debut to-morrow among the "C" company and he holds the post of honour in the Mount Davis Handicap (first section), a run from the two mile post, once round and in. He has certainly lost a lot of his dash and energy and furthermore the old soldier is not a good mudder. I like to see him win to-morrow. The champion pony, Marksman, is only 3 lbs. behind, but the sub-griffin is on the same level with Rose Jane, both having been allotted 105 lbs.

It has been whispered that Marksman will not accept, but I doubt the rumour, for the pony was out doing his stuff during the early mornings. Should they meet, it will not surprise me to see Marksman turning the tables on Rose Jane. Celtic Star, King Kong and Scenic View are dangerous to upset the applecart. At the last meeting Pinfarthings win a sprint in a lower division, but to-morrow he will be in the first section and he has to meet several first class runners. As he has been allotted weight for inches, some of the early risers believe that he has been let in and I am sure he was not the first animal to be so fortunate.

STRATHROY WEIGHING OUT HERE

Strathroy, by Pacolet, was one of the finest Australian racers that ever visited our shore and like everything else the pony cannot go on for ever. The last public appearance was in the Queensland Autumn Champions when he finished in the ruck and his previous couple of outings were just as bad. It was after the last performance that the connections decided to send Strathroy to Fanling and the entry of this great warrior for the Brisbane Spring Handicap over the champion course will, no doubt, give a certain amount of interest to the pari-mutuel department.

Last Saturday morning Strathroy, with his old pilot Mr. Black, was given a sharp spin over the mile course and he took 1.57⅘ to cover the circuit, romping home in 27⅘ seconds for the last stanza. Mr. J. F. Macgregor's candidate stood out quite well in a mile test and the legs were in perfect order after the gallop. There is, however, one consolation that Strathroy will not weigh out to-morrow with the usual limit of 105 lbs. as the weight adjuster has taken a lenient view and the brown progeny of Pacolet has been asked to carry only 155 lbs. He has not been racing since December. It will be seen from the list of handicaps that the ex-champion has a pull of the poundage against such stalwarts as Lancashire Chips, Lucky Lad and Snowy River and I am sure that we shall see a good race. The contest is over a long journey of 12 miles and the form shows that Lucky Lad has proved beyond doubt that he is a hard nut to crack over a distance. The Rooty-Hill Derby winner, Triumphant Day, is well in on the handicap and he is worth an investment of $5 each way.

Good Chance For Rose-Queen

If Rose-Queen does not win the Mount Davis Handicap (second section) to-morrow, it would be advisable for the mare to join up the Fanling force and I am sure the environment there will do her a world of good. Rose-Queen was twice second in her last two outings and she has a good chance of making amends. Bright View is a good mudder with only 147 lbs. to shoulder, but be careful with Bistre should the going be nice. I have not seen much of Tyne, who is a newcomer in this section, but I am afraid that the weight may hinder his chance. Annas Bay and Lady Love are not yet ready and The Tigress is attempting to win out of her class. Soldier of China has lost all his sense of racing.

Big Field Expected To Accept

There is reason to expect a good field of "B" class Australian ponies in the Charters Towers Handicap over a trip from the two mile post, once round and in. The ban of winners of 1,250 or more in stakes since January has precluded the entry of a few good 'uns such as Chiltern, Cocklerol, Devonian, Snowy River, Triumphant Day and Vixen Tor and we should therefore see a fine race. Blandford is at the head of the assessment and there is no doubt that the distance is to his liking. While it appeals to me as a "dead cert" I cannot recommend anyone to have his shirt on Blandford owing to the presence of King's Privilege, who will undoubtedly offer a strong challenge for the first position in the frame. When they clashed in the Bendigo Stakes over a mile at the annual meeting, the winner (Blandford) was almost on the same level with King's Privilege, who finished, I think, in the middle of the last row, whereas to-morrow Dynasty's representative has a pull of over a stone against Mr. Eu Tong-sen's candidate. At subsequent meetings Blandford was officially fourth in the Melbourne Cup and the Australian Ponies Champions and I suppose that accounts for the difference of weights.

Criffel from the John Peel's stable is certainly well keyed for the run, but I am inclined to believe that the mare prefers a sprint to an endurance contest. There is something in the air that Centre Court has a sporting chance of registering her first success of the season and I would like to include Aztec's prospect. At this time last year, Aztec carrying 153 lbs. was second in the Charters Towers Handicap, but the run was then over the mile and the additional 171 yards for to-morrow will not make much difference to the pony. It is a good outsider.

FIRST LEG OF DAILY DOUBLE

The first leg of the daily double is on the "Hunchbacks" Plate confined to China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, that have not won $500 or more in stakes and being a sprint over six furlongs, it has drawn no less than 30 entries. We have certainly a fine list from which to find the first leg of the combination, but there is a dearth in quality. A red pencil can be drawn against the chances of about 90% of the entries and of the remainder, the winner will be found among Green Bay, Pall Mall, Sea Horse and Some Hope. The last named has been knocking at the door; in fact Some Hope was very unlucky to succumb to National Service in the Kongmun Stakes at the last meeting. My choice is Some Hope, Sea Horse and Green Bay.

22 Ponies Assigned To First Section

Out of the 48 China ponies in the "D" class entered for the Taimoshan Handicap over a mile, the handicapper has assigned 22 racers to the first section and incidentally the second leg of the daily double is on this event. It looks that the inclusion of Gold Coin and Night View (both demoted recently from the "C" standard) will not only present a problem to be solved, but it will scratch the head to spot the winner. It is much easier to cut a passage through than to follow up the line of the handicapper's conduct.

It requires a lot of space to delve into the pros and cons of all the entries, but if we take the results of the Boa Vista Handicap at the Easter session, we will not be far out of the range. In that run the winner (Strathbannock) was receiving 7 lbs. from Sylvandale, who was second and they are now on the same peg, each with 108 lbs. Valorous has 7 lbs. less to carry for coming in third and this means that he has a pull of a stone against Strathbannock which is something to be considered. Portrush, the property of Mrs. Taggart, has been kindly treated and if Mr. Encarnacao can get down to 145 lbs. it is not a bad bet to follow up. I will make my final selections to-morrow.

Canterbury Park Handicap

The Canterbury Park Handicap for Australian ponies of this season that have not won more than $1,000 in stakes should be a gift to Candlelight (who has earned exactly one thousand bucks) but it is reliably learned that Mr. Moller's charger is under a cloud and the prospect of appearing before the official starter is very remote. The race should be between Bruno owned by Mr. G. Treverton and Sydney Lad belonging to the "Lucky" stable. Ruby Star is good for a long shot.

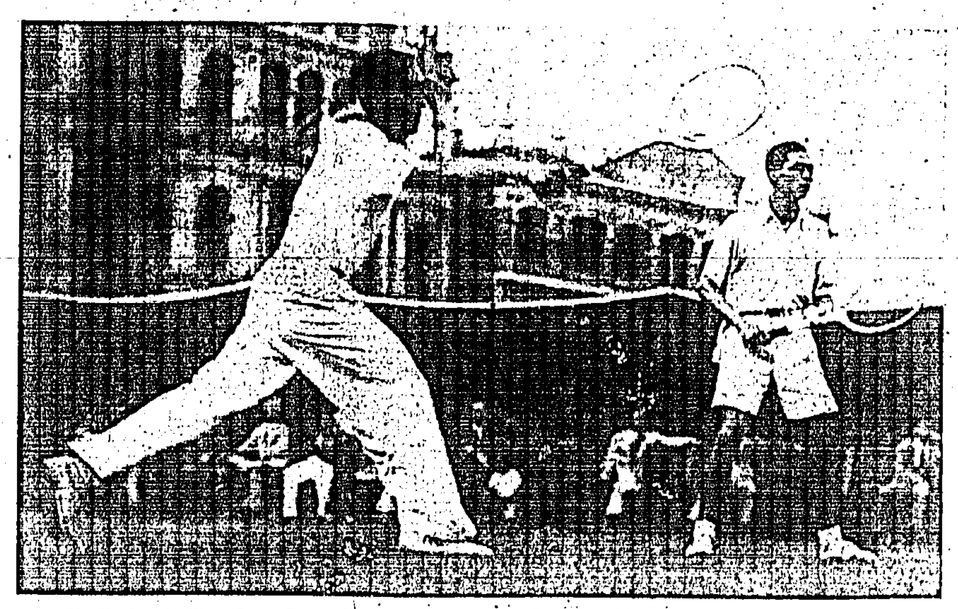
Milleaye May Be In The Limelight

The meeting will terminate with a large field, the best of the afternoon, in the Taimoshan Handicap (second section) for "D" class China ponies and anything may happen. On past performances Milleaye should be in the limelight at the finish provided he can give weight to February Fourth, National Service, Phoenix, Sports Venture, Starlet and Tiny Tim. The return of Clowner and Jack O'Lantern from Kwanti will, I am sure, find some backers. Racing Boy, the public idol, is on the walking list.

Rumjahn Cousins Becoming A Spent Force

Completely Outplayed By Chinese Pair In Colony Tennis Championships

(By "Abe")



Ho Ka-lau (left) and Lee Yue-wing, of the Chinese R.C., created a sensational upset in the semi-finals of the Colony tennis doubles championship yesterday when they defeated the Rumjahn cousins in straight sets. They raised their game to great heights and fully deserved their victory.—*Mee Cheung.*

Probably because the Rumjahn cousins were generally expected to win their semi-final tie in the Colony tennis doubles championships yesterday against Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, only a comparatively small crowd turned up at the Hongkong C.C. to see the encounter. Of those who were there, how many had even imagined that the Rumjahns might be beaten?

Yet beaten the cousins were and in straight sets too, which was the surprising part about it. The scores in favour of the Chinese were 9-7, 6-3, 8-6.

As W. A. H. Duff and T. A. Pearce had found to their cost in an earlier encounter, so did the Rumjahns yesterday that the wonderful retrieving qualities of the Chinese presented a stone wall, against which, try as they did, they could not break down. Any but the best smashes were useless against the solid defence of a pair who returned everything that could possibly be returned. And, adding to the discomfiture of the former champions, the Chinese could very quickly turn strict defence into attack, and often carried the game into the enemy's camp.

Apart from the first ten games or so, Lee and Ho dominated the play throughout, relying not solely on defence but also showing that when the mood takes them they can assume an aggressive role. When one says that once they had established themselves at the net they were more dangerous than their opponents in almost every respect, an idea of how well they played together may be gathered.

COUSINS OUTPLAYED

Seldom did the Rumjahns find a way to beat Lee and Ho when the latter had gained possession of the net. Drives were useless with Lee and Ho in such good volleying form, while anything but the deepest lobs were buried away for winners. And many of the lobs hoisted up by the cousins were simply crying out for the punishment which they received.

Lee, who had been rather nervous in the matches against Duff and Pearce, apparently had settled down to the stand court atmosphere yesterday. He did many good things in this match and he, more than Ho Ka-lau, was responsible for causing the biggest upset for many years. He was always moving in for the winning blow and succeeded to a great extent, thanks to the badly-placed service returns of the opposition. If he was sometimes driven back by a well-placed lob, his toss in reply was invested with a top-spin, keeping the ball within bounds.

I have seen Lee in the League and in the Colony championships for several years, but I have never seen him play as well as he did yesterday. Indeed I doubt whether he has ever played better tennis in his life.

SERVICE WEAKNESS

Not only was his defensive play irreproachable but his work at the net left little to be desired. He volleyed well and smashed with precision, and provided the finishing blow to many a fine rally. His only weakness lay in his service, but nevertheless he managed to hold his service games with surprising regularity.

Though lacking the brilliance of his partner, Ho's part in the combination's victory was far from negligible. Most of the time he was content merely to play a passive role, cutting his mistakes down to a minimum and retrieving in his usual steady manner; but when the occasion demanded it he also smashed with power and volleyed with incisiveness. His attacking shots were pulled out with rare judgment and seldom failed to win points.

Of the former champions, neither seemed up to the old standard. Their star, which had shone so brightly in the last decade, is dimming, and one has to come reluctantly though it be to the conclusion that they are becoming a spent force.

They started promisingly enough and in the first set were four times within a point of claiming it. This was the nearest they could get to winning a set; after this they were always lagging behind.

CONFIDENCE SHAKEN

Their main artillery in the past was their netplay, but even in this department of the game they were outshone yesterday, making mistakes which they would not have done in former years. Their confidence was badly shaken after the first set, and though they fought desparately to avoid defeat they were never able to raise their game in the subsequent play to prevent it.

Even after they had dropped the first two sets, there must have been a number of spectators who wondered whether the cousins would bring out their famous act—snatching a last-minute victory. But this was not to be. And the majority of the spectators, as one game after another went to the Chinese, were so surprised by the turn of events that they sometimes forgot to applaud.

In the first set, the Rumjahns led 5-3, but missed their opportunity and the Chinese took it after 16 games. The second set went to the Chinese without a doubt. Inspired by their success in the opening stanza, when they saved four set

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Cricket

Victories For Surrey, Yorkshire

London, May 4.

Surrey defeated the M.C.C. by 99 runs and Yorkshire beat Oxford University by ten wickets in the cricket matches which concluded to-day.

Surrey scored 221 and 139 (Sims five for 61), against which the M.C.C. made 140 (Gover five for 43, Squires four for 11) and 121.

Yorkshire scored 322 in their first innings, thanks to a splendid century of 125 not out by Herbert Sutcliffe and 82 by Mitchell, and in reply Oxford made only 102. Following-on, the undergraduates made 228 Verity taking six wickets for 73 runs.

Requiring only nine runs for victory, Yorkshire hit them off without loss.—*Reuter.*

K. C. C. TO HAVE ANOTHER TENNIS PRACTICE

Following last Sunday's opening try-out for the tennis league season, the K.C.C. have decided to hold a practice afternoon on Sunday, May 14, at 2.30 p.m., when the following players who, it is expected, will participate in the league teams, are asked to turn out.

Messrs. D. J. N. Anderson, G. C. Burnett, F. A. Broadbridge, R. T. Broadbridge, K. Broch, W. Crabb, A. Crawford, A. Duncan, E. Eymard, E. C. Fincher, A. L. Fisher W. Gillard, W. M. Gittins, F. Grose, S. A. Gray, A. E. P. Guest, B. D. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, T. A. Madar, D. Orr, A. M. G. Philippens, B. Soltau, W. Turner, and A. V. White.

Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Williams, Miss Harker, Mrs. Smeby, Mrs. Eymard, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cavern, and Miss V. Bradbury.

Any of these players who cannot play on Sunday, May 14, are requested to inform Mr. G. C. Burnett, the tennis convener.

It has also been decided, owing to lack of entries, to cancel the American tennis tournament at the K.C.C., originally arranged for Sunday next.

Leicester Lose Last Match

London, May 4.

Leicester City, with no hope of avoiding relegation, lost their last match in the First Division of the English Football League to-day. Playing at home, they were beaten by the Wolves by two goals to nil.—*Reuter.*

CALL-OVER ANNOUNCED FOR DERBY

London, May 4.

The following is the latest call-over for the Derby:

Blue Peter, 7/2 (t. and o.)
Admiral's Walk, 10/1 (o)
Heliopolis, 100/9 (t. and o.)
Fairstone, 100/7 (o)
Hypnotist, 100/7 (o), 15/1 (t)
Fox Cub, 100/6 (o)
Signal Light 100/6 (o)
Triguero, 100/6 (o)
Romeo, 20/1 (o)
Wheatland, 20/1 (o)
Casanova, 20/1 (o)
Foxbrough, 22/1 (o)
Buxton, 22/1 (o)
Diadoque, 25/1 (o)
Dhoti, 25/1 (o)

—*Reuter.*

Indian R.C. Sports Meet On Sunday

The Indian R. C. annual athletic sports will be held at Sookunpoo on Sunday, May 7, commencing at 1.30 p.m. All members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

Prizes at the conclusion of the meeting will be presented by Mrs. C. Rahim.

Three Pairs Tie In Golf Pro Foursome

London, May 4.

At Birmingham to-day, three pairs tied for first place with aggregate scores of 142 for 36 holes in the £1,000 Professional Golf Foursomes at Sandwell Park.

They are replaying to-morrow over 18 holes.

Robson, of Addington, and Burton, of Sale, had rounds of 71 and 71, while Henry Cotton, of Ashridge, and Shepard of Radlett, had rounds of 70 and 72, and Cox of Blackpool and Topping of Bolton registered 72 and 70.—*Reuter.*

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CHINESE DAVIS CUPPERS MEET IN FINAL

Kho Sin-kie And Choy Win Penultimate Ties In Bournemouth Event

The success of the Chinese Davis Cup players, Kho Sin-kie (holder) and W. C. Choy, has been the feature of the Bournemouth hardcourt tennis championships now in progress.

Both won their matches in the semi-finals yesterday, Kho beating Donald McPhail in straight sets, while Choy performed his best feat to date by overcoming Charles Hare, the British Davis Cupper, in four sets after losng the first to love.

According to *Reuter* Kho played superlative tennis in accounting for McPhail, who led 2-1 in the first and third sets. The champion's delicate drop shots, lobs and hard forehand drives, however, kept McPhail running to retrieve. The Briton fought pluckily and scored some brilliant net winners, but he was outclassed by the Chinese, who led 5-2 and 30-love in the third set.

McPhail saved the eighth game, however, but succumbed in the next. Kho won by scores of 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

CHOY'S ACHIEVEMENT

If anything, Choy's victory over Charles Hare was a better achievement, as the latter is considered to be the outstanding British player next to "Bunny" Austin.

After losing the first set to love, Choy settled down to his usual game, and with deep driving to Hare's backhand won the second set after trailing 6-7.

Choy's accurate steadiness and accurate placing won him the third set easily.

The last set again showed Choy at his steadiest, states *Reuter*. Deep drives were the feature of his game and after another great struggle Choy won out in the 16th game after Hare had led 7-6.

The scores in favour of the Chinese were 6-3, 10-8, 6-1, 9-7.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

London, May 4.

In the quarter-finals of the women's singles at Bournemouth to-day, Miss Kathleen Stammers defeated Mrs. Little (formerly Miss Dorothy Round) by 6-2, 7-5.

Mrs. Ellis (formerly Senorita Anita Lizana of Chile) beat Miss Mary Hardwick, the British Wightman Cup player, by 7-5, 3-6, 6-0.

Miss Margaret Scriven beat Miss Betty Nuthall 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Miss Margot Lumb beat Miss Brown 6-2, 7-5.—*Reuter.*

Street Spelled 3 Ways

Halifax, N. S.

A street here has three names, and no one in authority knows which is right. It is known as Franklyn, Frankland and Francklyn.

Colony Wins Final Game In Manila

Manila, May 4.

Eight thousand watched the Hongkong footballers recover their form to-day when they outspeeded and out-manoeuvred the YCO Athletic Club to take their first victory at Manila by four goals to one.

Leung Wing-chiu tallied the first goal after 10 minutes of play, after which both sides played cautiously. The first half ended with Hongkong one goal and YCO zero.

A. V. Gosano scored a goal early in the second half, after which the YCO scored one goal.

After another 15 minutes A. V. Gosano scored again. He scored a final goal five minutes later, after which the Hongkong team played on the defensive and easily broke up the desperate YCO attacks.

Lee Wai-tong did not play to-day. —*United Press.*

Suggestion Welcomed

Manila, May 5.

The footballers leave for Baguio to-morrow, however it is uncertain whether they will play.

Local footballers welcomed the Hongkong Football Association's proposal that a Shanghai, Manila and Hongkong interport series be played in Hongkong in February.—*United Press.*

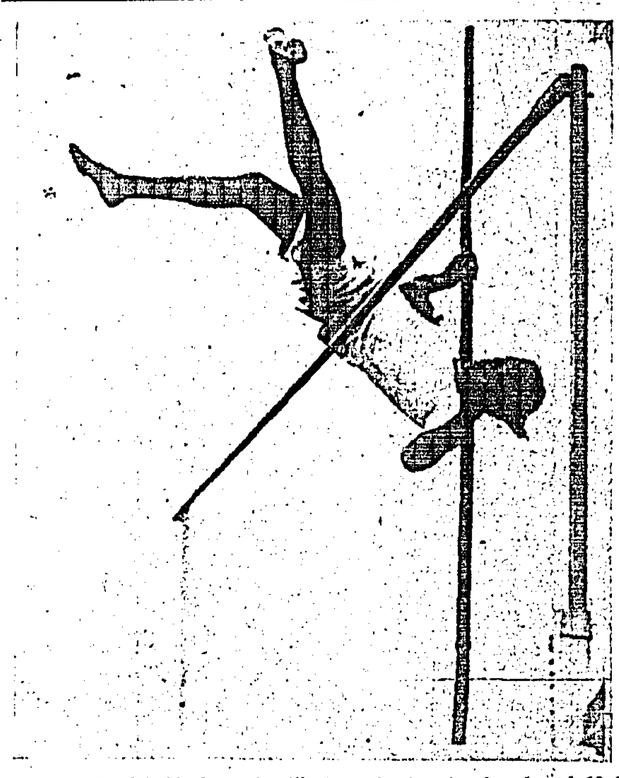
COLONY TEAM FETED

Manila, May 3.

The Hongkong Interport football team will to-night met the YCO Athletic Club, winners of the Manila championship and who included five of the players who recently played for the victorious Manila Interport team.

To-morrow, the Hongkong footballers are expected to leave for Baguio where they will play one exhibition game and return to Manila in time to catch the Taiping which sails for Hongkong on Sunday.

The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation were last night hosts to the Hongkong Interport team at the Manila Hotel.—*United Press.*



Hav. Kundah Singh, of the 5th A. A. Regiment, who cleared 10 ft. 3 ins. in the pole vault at the Hongkong Area annual athletic meet on the Polo Ground yesterday. Here he is seen clearing the bar with ease.— *Staff Photographer.*

Military Sports

INTER-UNIT TROPHY TO MIDDLESEX

The Hongkong Area annual athletic meeting concluded yesterday at the Polo ground, and resulted in a win for the Middlesex Regiment in the Inter-Unit Championship. His Excellency the Governor was an interested spectator, together with His Excellency Major Gen. A. E. Grasett, the G.O.C. Brig. and Mrs. A. B. Thomson were also present.

Prior to the distribution of the prizes by Mrs. Grasett, Brig. J. W. T. Reeve, President of the Army Athletic Board, congratulated the Middlesex Regiment on winning the Inter-Unit Cup, and added that he was pleased to see the Royal Corps of Signals and the Royal Engineers taking part in the sports. Thanks were expressed to Major G. P. Murray, Capt. E. H. B. Neil and Sgt. Major C. Estall for the hard work which had made the Meet a success.

Results:

Pole vault.—8th Heavy Regt. R. A.
Two miles relay.—Hongkong Regt. H.K. & S.R.A.
880 yards relay.—Middlesex Regiment.
Mile open relay.—Central British Association.
Mile team race.—Hongkong Regt. H.K. & S.R.A.
440 yards hurdles.—Middlesex Regt.
Mile relay.—Hongkong Regt. H.K. & S.R.A.
800 yards individual (open).—D. H. Blake (C.B.A.)
440 yards relay.—Middlesex Regt.
110 stone tug-of-war.—8th Heavy Regt. R.A.
130 stone tug-of-war.—8th Heavy Regt. R.A.

Final Positions

Middlesex Regt., 140.
Hongkong Regt. H.K. & S.R.A., 111.
8th Heavy Regt. R.A., 109.
Rajputana Rifles 100½.
Royal Scots, 102.
5th A.A. Regt. R.A., 70.
Royal Corp of Signals, 48.
Royal Engineers 30½ points.

Hockey Secretary

Mr. D. Smith Succeeds Mr. R. Henderson

Mr. D. Smith was appointed to succeed Mr. R. Henderson as Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association at a meeting of the Council in St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday. Mr. Henderson is leaving the Colony shortly.

The appreciation of the Council was voiced by Mr. A. A. Dand, Chairman, who said Mr. Henderson had carried out his none too easy task conscientiously and well.

Mention of the unsatisfactory and farcical rule in the Six-a-Side Tournament that the position of the ball at the end of play had to be considered, was made, and it was decided to refer the matter to the tournament sub-committee to consider whether extra time in the case of the final match would be better.

Rumjahn Cousins Badly Beaten

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points, they smashed and volleyed their way through to win out in the ninth game. There was another struggle in the third set when the atmosphere became charged. On one side of the court were the Rumjahns fighting desperately to avoid going down in straight sets; and on the other were Lee and Ho on the brink of creating a sensational upset.

NO RISKS TAKEN

There were times when neither pair dared to take any risks—the Rumjahns because they could not afford to and the Chinese because they did not want to present their opponents with *cumshaw* points. Yet, in spite of this understandable caution, some really fine rallies were seen, and from the majority of them the Chinese pair emerged victorious.

In this third set, the Chinese led 4-2, were pulled back to 4-4, led again at 5-4 and once again were pulled back to 5-5.

Once more the Chinese led 6-5 only to allow the Indians to square the set, but they succeeded in winning the next two games for the match.

When Sirdar's last drive went sailing two feet outside the base-line, Ho threw his racket in expression of his joy. But the victory of the Chinese was no "fluke." They kept up with the Rumjahns' brilliance in the opening rallies, and while the latter fell away badly they maintained their high standard of play throughout. Never was victory more richly deserved.

Ho and Lee will now meet the Tsui brothers in the final.

SINGLES FINAL

The final of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony between Tsui Wai-pui (holder) and Tsui Yun-pui, will take place on the stand court on Monday afternoon, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S GOLF CONTEST

In connection with the women's golf competition at Deep Water Bay on May 16, commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the R.H.K.G.C., as reported yesterday, the qualification should have read:

The competition is open to resident associates only, that is, relatives of full members, and associates Class "B".

INDOOR BOWLING

Birmingham Team Again Beats Diamond

A return match at ten pins was played at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys yesterday between torpedomen of H.M.S. Diamond and Birmingham. The Birmingham team repeated their success, the winning margin being 186 points this time against 83 on Tuesday. Scores:

Birmingham				
A. M. Milne	145	155	152	452
R. Eames	156	165	145	466
R. Strudwick	145	113	91	349
E. T. Drumgold	89	132	122	343
Total				1,610

Diamond				
J. Woods	129	110	113	352
M. Pearce	156	134	152	442
J. R. Healey	100	105	142	347
F. Hardy	81	86	116	283
Total				1,424

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting at HAPPY VALLEY on **SATURDAY, 6th May, 1939,** commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. **Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.**

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5 for Gentlemen and $3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at **12 NOON.**

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $1 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Shorten your skirt and add to your charm

THERE'S no getting away from the fact that the new short skirt fashion is full of pitfalls. So I've been racking my brains to think up ways you can dodge those pitfalls and add to your charm as well as subtract from your skirt length.

First of all I worked out three possible solutions of three major problems; adapting the short skirt to the girl who's very tall; the one who's short and plump; and the one who, though well proportioned, has rather heavy legs.

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You'll see that for the very tall girl, we suggest a very wide swirling skirt. That's because her figure will stand breaking up in a way that a short girl's won't, and she can stand the width at the hem which would make the short girl look dumpy.

The plump short girl doesn't usually look her best in a very short skirt; it "cuts her up" too much and takes away her precious inches.

So for her, we suggest a skirt that's not too violently flared, made of some opaque stuff such as crepe or taffeta with one of the smart new dropped hems of transparent pleated chiffon or georgette below it.

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Let me explain the full beauty of this notion. You get the effect of a short skirt, because the opaque part stops just below the knee, but the transparent hem adds a few extra inches without looking too obtrusive.

And of course you know that petticoat effects are the very latest thing. Only I don't advise a contrasting petticoat effect for the short and plump; it breaks the line too much.

But I do advise very strongly rather dark, though fine-gauge stockings and shoes that match the dress. Both help to make you look taller and slimmer.

For the short, plump girl.

The tall, slim girl.

Her legs are straight and heavy

The third problem girl, the one whose legs are rather straight and heavy instead of being curved and slender, gave us a lot of trouble.

We decided against cutting her hem in scallops (a good trick for the girl who has slim ankles but rather prominent calves) because if you put curves against a straight line, they only emphasise the straightness.

We decided against any sort of petticoat trick because it focussed the eye on the legs, just where we (and she!) didn't want it focussed.

Eventually we decided for pleats in the skirt, springing on each side of a flat centre panel. This broke up the skirt, made it interesting to look at, and the play of light and shade in their folds was a great help in detracting from the too solid look of the legs.

Another point in favour of pleats was their nice swinging movement when you walk and the way they make a skirt fall with graceful fullness when you sit down.

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Now, of course, these three don't cover all possible pitfalls a short skirt can create for its wearer. Apart from your legs, you've got to consider your proportions.

If you've got heavy hips, for example, you can't wear a pleated skirt.

Your best bet then is one cut in several gores, widening gradually from waist to hem.

These straight vertical lines, tapering over the hips, help to make you look slimmer. Take heart, even if you ARE a little broad in the beam, because this year's slightly flared skirts are much kinder to your figure than the straight kind that reveal every unwanted curve and "hug" you cruelly at the back after you've sat in them a few times.

If you're short and plump, but well proportioned, it's often a good idea to have the back of your skirt fairly plain and to introduce the fashionable fullness at the hem in two inset flares in the front on either side of a straight panel.

The fullness of the two insets is held flat over the hips with vertical tucks; your skirt has all the fashionable swirling movement, but not being full all round it doesn't give that cottage loaf effect of atoo bulky skirt on a short figure.

A wide sash, with its points falling below the hem of the skirt, is another way of giving an effect of extra length and camouflaging your legs.

But don't worry if short skirts don't suit you and never will. Have your hem as high as your legs and your figure will stand it, but no higher.

Half the art of dressing well is to adapt the fashions to your own type of looks.

SECOND MELODY BEE

Few Hits, Many Misses In Bright Contest

With an Airman as master of ceremonies, Army and Navy teams met last night in the second Melody Bee held by ZBW. The contest, which was better conducted than the first Bee, all melody names being announced distinctly, resulted in a win for the Navy, after a poor beginning, by 10½ points to 8—the half-point being a whimsical Army donation.

The scoring was sensibly arranged so that contestants were awarded a point for naming the pieces correctly, and a second point for naming the composers, in the case of classical items, and the screen or stage origin in the case of jazz numbers.

Curious wild shots by the Navy were the transplanting of "Sympathy" into "Alexander's Ragtime Band," the placing of a "Samson and Delilah" excerpt as an Irish offering, the recognition of Offenbach's "Barcarolle" as "The Blue Danube Waltz," and the announcement of "Where My Caravan Has Rested" as a country dance. "Ferdinand, the Bull" went unrecognised.

The Army shooting was often as wide of the mark. The "Cavalleria Rusticana" Intermezzo became "The Last Chord" and "Madame Butterfly" was chosen as the source of the "Lambeth Walk."

Every player was then asked to submit a score for three additional numbers and it was in this section that the Navy, polling heavily on Schubert's "Marche Militaire," made good the points lost earlier. The other two numbers in this section were "Invitation to the Waltz" (Weber) and March (Casse Noisette Suite) by Tschaikowsky.

The 16 numbers played in the main portion of the Bee were.—"Sympathy" waltz (film "Firefly"), "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" (film "Roberta"), "Ferdinand, the Bull" (from the film), "Lambeth Walk" (from "Me and My Girl"), "Softly Awakes My Heart" ("Samson and Delilah"—Saint-Saens), Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni), "Love's Old Sweet Song" (Molloy), "Mighty Lak' A Rose" (Nevin), "Where My Caravan Has Rested" (Lohr), "Drink to Me only with Thine Eyes (traditional), "Barcarolle" from "Tales of Hoffman" (Offenbach), "Destiny" (Baynes), "Alice Blue Gown" (Tierney), "Music, Maestro, Please" (film "These Foolish Things"), "Moonlight and Roses" (Lemare's "Andantino"), "The Donkey's Serenade" (film "Firefly").

Listeners who wish, may, according to an invitation extended last night, send in their names to ZBW with a request to be allowed to take part in the next Bee. A studio trial, it is held, might be a sharp check to thoughtless criticism.

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YOUR PERSONALITY

A PROMINENT writer recently said that modern women dissipate their personalities in "pale imitations of popular film stars." The very modish surface (dictated by fashion) which we present to the world may seem at first to justify the indictment.

Underneath the Edwardian coiffure and below the intriguing veil of the moment, we still however remain ourselves. Or do we? How much of us is really our own personality, our contribution to life and living, and how much is dictated, guided, directed by prevailing modes of thought and expression?

The first essential to having an individual personality is to think for oneself. Before hearing the world's comments let us make up our own minds; we can decide whether we like or dislike this or that new idea before we are swayed by the reactions of other people.

Then there is the very vexed question of following fashion's sartorial decrees. Admittedly it is still, for most women, more comfortable to be out of the world than to be out of the fashion, but no woman with personality allows herself to become a complete slave to exaggerated "lines," she chooses her clothes from the latest models which appeal to her and which express some innate style of her own.

In the choice of friends it is often the line of least resistance to possess a second-hand mind. If we await the verdict of our district or our club on some new arrival and abide by that decision we are revealing a mental weakness.

Our approach to books, to entertainment in general, may expose our lack of personality if we allow ourselves to be guided in our choice of them by our friend's opinions or by prevailing fashions.

How often we read a book because our next door neighbour asserted, "You must read so and so; everyone is reading it." A good book, probably, but a woman of personality demands more of a book than that "everyone is reading it."

This pursuit of a personality is a stimulating task; and it makes life so much more interesting to have viewpoints and opinions coming from within rather than allowing them to be the product of mass computation.

O. R. M.

Book Covers

NOTHING could be gayer or more practical than book covers of oilcloth, or oil silk, especially for cookery or household account books, which so soon become soiled and greasy. These can either be stitched to fit bindings strong enough to allow them to be slipped on and off or cut exactly to size and pasted to paper coverings.

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Both oil cloth and oil silk can now be bought in so many attractive designs and colourings that it is easy to choose one to tone with the decorative scheme of any room.

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In the nursery, too, where small sticky fingers leave their marks, covers may be made to preserve new books and repair to old ones easily and satisfactorily carried out.

A. M. S.

Something New For Spring

SPRING is in the air, and the urge for something new in the heart of every woman. So what about turning things round about, and using furnishing fabrics for dress accessories, and dress materials for household articles?

Elaborate pockets are fashionable on frocks and coats; so washing frocks may be decorated with applique flowers cut out of cretonne and couched down with coloured wools. These cretonne flowers may also be applied to the neckline of the frock, and the more these posies resemble the designs on packets of seeds, the more fashionable they will be.

Dainty boleros and blouses may be made from a fine meshed curtain net, darned with angora, either in white or colour.

Heavy slub rep or brocade will make an opulent waistcoat for a smart spring suit. Some of the furnishing linens also make very stylish waistcoats, especially if decorated with herring-bone or tacking-stitch in brightly coloured wools.

Organdie has long been popular for table mats and tea-cloths, but I wonder how many people realise how much more effective it is when two colours are super-imposed? Blue upon green is fascinating, and cool as the summer sea. Rose upon maize, rose upon mauve, and vice-versa, are lovely.

Now that we are going all Victorian, dotted Swiss muslin makes dainty, crisp curtains, dressing-table covers, and bed-spreads. Linen and crepe-de-chine makes beautiful quilted cushions, and the effect of Italian quilting, done in vivid wools behind thin crepe-de-chine or georgette, is delicate and charming.

A. R. H.

This costume, in silk crepe, in black and pink, has its pink jacket lined in the print. The jacket is quilted all over except for the lower sleeve sections.

Weather Curtails Reading

Toledo, O.

Winter sports cut into the juvenile book demand and severe traffic conditions cut the circulation of adult books, according to the public library report.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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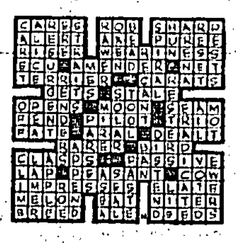
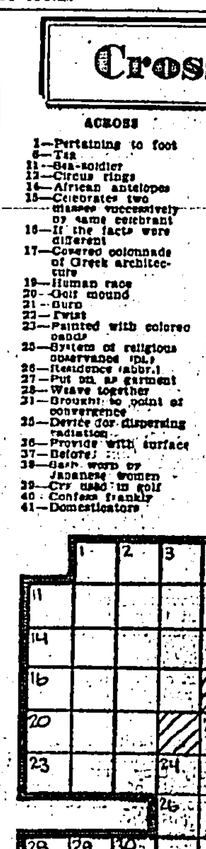


ACROSS

1—Pertaining to foot
6—Tie
11—Sea soldier
12—Circus rings
14—African antelopes
15—Celebrates two
16—If the facts were different
17—Covered colonnade of Greek architecture
19—Human race
20—Golf mound
21—Burn
22—Twist
23—Painted with colored paints
25—Systems of religious observance (pl.)
26—Residence (abbr.)
27—Put on, as garment
28—Weave together
31—Brought to point of convergence
35—Device for dispersing radiation
36—Provide with surface
37—Before
38—Dark wood by Japanese women
39—Cry used in golf
40—Confess frankly
41—Domesticators
43—Long step
45—Looks fixedly
46—Tormented
47—Make glad
48—Business transactions

DOWN

1—Small bed of straw
2—Deleter
3—Eat dinner
4—Also
5—Those who lease property from owner
6—Toil
7—Musical air
8—Benjamin
9—Hard paint
10—Lying dormant
11—Becomes acquainted with
13—Dispatches
18—One of Lincoln's sons
21—Hurried
22—Short hit in baseball
24—Part of eye
25—Common container for ice cream
27—Deprives
28—Spots with ink
29—Allow as deduction
30—Form of living creature
31—Case of elevator
32—Change
33—Wears away
34—Wetted with morning moisture
36—Force of men (col.)
39—Worry
40—Name of sea in Turkestan
43—Period of time
44—Common brew



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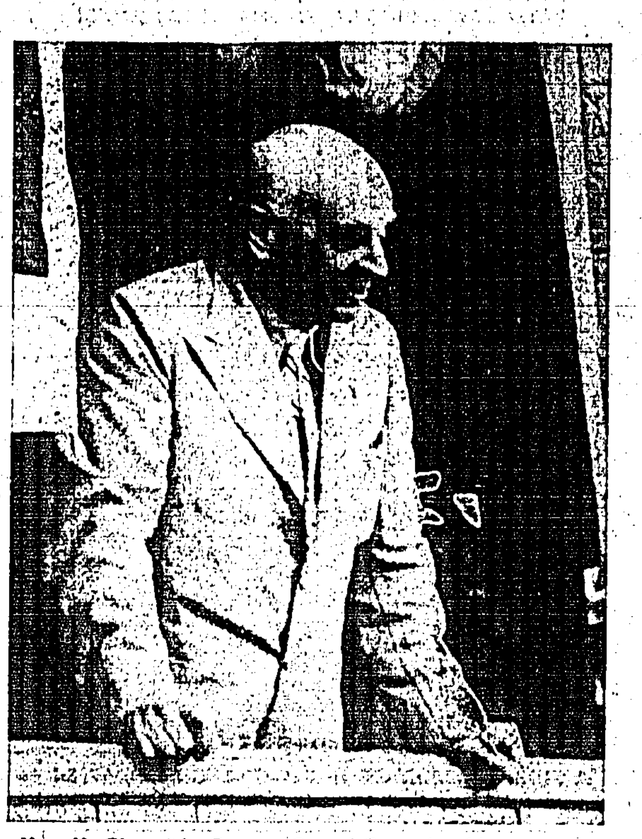
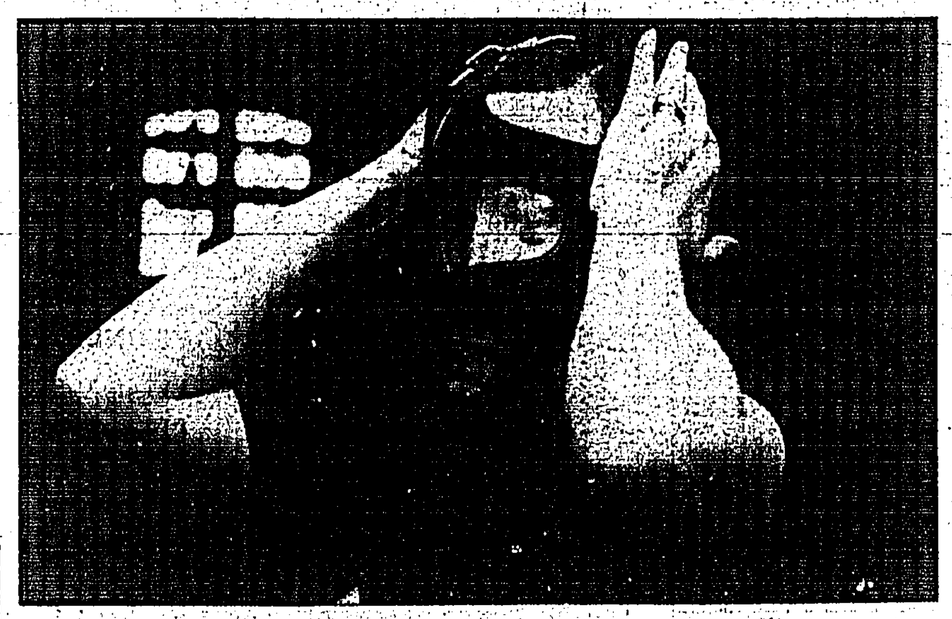


Herr H. Gipperich, German Consul-General, addresses guests who were present at the recent German National Day celebrations.—*Ming Yuen.*

An action photograph taken when the folk dancing was in full swing at the National Day celebrations at the German Tennis Club.—*Ming Yuen.*

Two German girls who took part in the folk dancing at the German Tennis Club.—*Ming Yuen.*



Mrs. Steele-Perkins demonstrates the correct method of donning a gas mask preparatory to leading groups of local ladies through a gas chamber.—*Staff Photographer.*

Group photograph taken after the recent arrival in Kai Tak of the German Junkers plane JU52. —*King's Studio.*

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Charity Balls and Theatre Performances Profit

The Charity Balls given under the auspices of the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers Relief Association on the nights of March 31 and April 1 at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden yielded a total sum of $5,065.15, the net proceeds after deducting expenses being $3,057.55.

A series of Peiping theatrical shows sponsored by the same Association and given on March 26 and 27 in the Lee Theatre for the purpose of raising funds for relief work, brought in a gross sum of $4,066.60. The net proceeds amounted to $3,024.78.

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At St. Andrew's Cathedral recently Mr. Guy V. Neubronner, incorporated accountant of Evatt & Co., Singapore and Miss Olga Mary Gunner, of the General Hospital, Johore Bahru, were married. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. S. Hunter Neubronner of 23, Grange Road Singapore, and the bride the daughter of Mrs. Isabelle B. Gunner of Winchmore Hill, London, England.

ROBBERS ENTER FLAT

Said They Were Police On Search for Arms

Charged with robbery at a house in Second Street, on April 16, Chan Pun-wu, 26, shop foki, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday, and through Mr. M. A. da Silva, pleaded not guilty.

Chan is alleged to have broken into a flat with two other men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, and robbed Leung Mai-chung, 31, Wong Yun-shu, 60, and Leung Sui-sam, all women, of money and jewellery.

Leung Mai-chung said about 8 p.m. when her brother entered the flat, three men followed him. One had a revolver in his hand.

The men said they were constables and had come to search for arms. They searched the flat, and also the occupants. Leung identified Chan as one of the men.

The hearing was adjourned to-morrow.

VILLAGE HUT ENTERED

Money and jewellery valued at $32 were stolen from Tang Oi, 10, a woman, by two men who entered her hut at Nam She Wat village, New Territories, on Tuesday.

One of the men was armed with a sharp knife with which he menaced her. She was gagged and a cloth put over her face, but she noticed that the robbers had their faces blackened, apparently as a disguise.

THEFTS FROM HOUSES

Capt. G. G. Sherriff, of the R.A.M.C., has reported the theft of an electric fan from the Single Officers' Mess, Wellington Barracks.

Mr. Broadbridge, of Lock Road, has reported the theft of a pair of spectacles, valued at $35, from his home.

CHEATING AT FAN-TAN

Hollow Stick Exhibited To Magistrate

An ingenious method of cheating at fan-tan was revealed to Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday when four men fined with gambling.

Inspector Baker showed Mr. Forrest the counting stick used by the banker during the game and demonstrated how a hollow had been dug in one end sufficiently big to hold a bean. By a spring arrangement the banker could allow the bean to fall at will.

"Do you see what fools you have been?" said Mr. Forrest to the three men.

Originally five men were charged but one of them, Lam Yuen, who was one of the keepers of the school, failed to appear and had his bail of $10 estreated. The other keeper, Shum Kwong, was fined $5 and the three players, Ho Chan, Tsui Tsat, and Leung Yu-san, ordered to pay 20 cents each.

The Poor Box benefited by 94 cents picked up from the bank after the raid.

BANDSMAN E. J. STEMP

Given Military Funeral At Happy Valley

Full military honours were accorded Bandsman Edward John Stemp, of the Middlesex Regiment, at his funeral yesterday at the Protestant Cemetery, Rev. E. d'A. Staunton officiated.

Bandsman Stemp collapsed and died at the Polo Ground on Wednesday while practising the discus throw for the Army Sports.

Those present at the service included Lieut.-Col. L. A. Newnham, Officer Commanding, Major S. F. W. M. del Court and Capt. H. Marsh, of the Middlesex Regiment.

Wreaths were from Major-Gen. A. E. Grasett, and Staff Officers of Headquarters, China Command; Brig. J. T. W. Reeve and Staff Officers of Hongkong Brigade; Major and Mrs. J. E. Dobbs; Major del Court, Lt. A. W. Peel; Bandmaster and Mrs. W. Kifford; Sgt. and Mrs. Edwards and Charlie; Cpl. W. Ure; L/Cpl. A. Plummer; L/Cpl. Maggeridge; All ranks "A" Company, Middlesex Regiment; "C" Company, Middlesex Regiment; All ranks "H.Q." Company, Middlesex Regment; Band members of the Middlesex Regiment; Drum members of the Middlesex Regiment; Signal Group of the Middlesex Regiment; Commanding officer and all officers of the Middlesex Regiment; All ranks of 5th. A. A. (R. A.); All ranks of 8th. Heavy Regiment (R.A.); Sportsmen of Middlesex Regiment; "Details" Group of the Middlesex Regiment; W. A. A. Fergusson.

SINO-AMERICAN

Institute Holding First Meeting To-day

The Inaugural meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations will be held at 5.30 p.m. to-day at the Cafe Wiseman.

Being a branch of the Head Institute at Chungking, the purpose of the institute is to promote cultural relations and to cultivate closer friendship between the peoples of the two nations.

The institute is to have a president, two vice-presidents, a general secretary, a Chinese secretary, an American secretary, a treasurer, and an Executive Council and five permanent committees.

The membership fee is tentatively fixed at $5 per year.—*Central News.*

ROME, May 4.—Field-Marshal Hermann Goering arrived at San Remo to-day. It is said to be a private visit.—*Reuter.*

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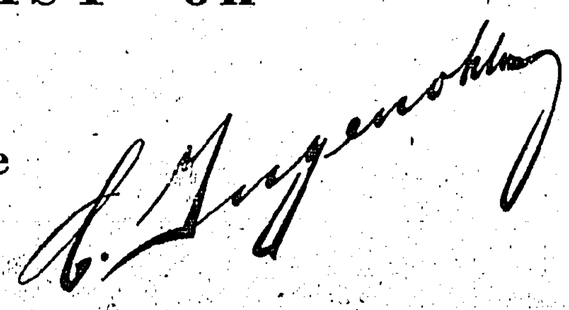

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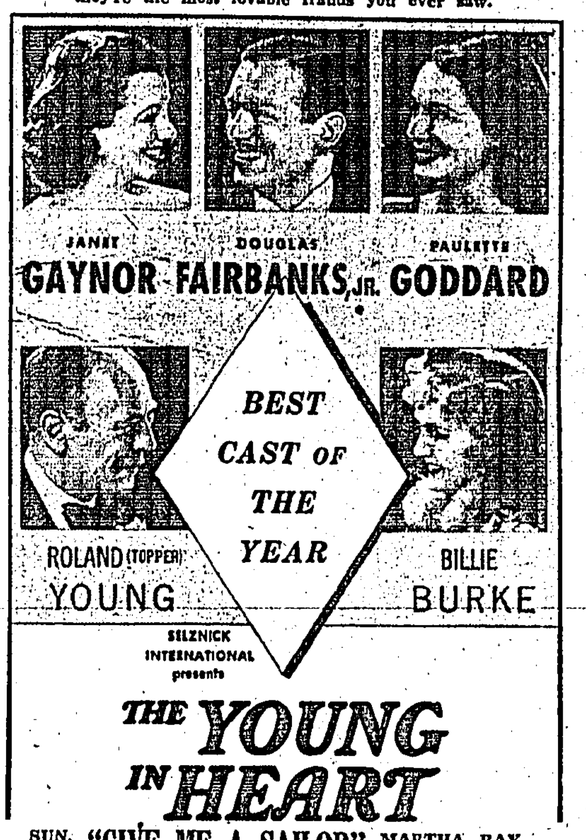

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NEW BRITAIN.

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CHINA'S CAPITAL BECOMES A FUNERAL PYRE FOR 3,000

Greatest Air Raid Reduces City To Shambles

By ROBERT P. MARTIN, "United Press" Special Correspondent.

CHUNGKING, To-day.

CHINA'S WAR-TIME CAPITAL HAS BECOME A FUNERAL PYRE FOR THREE THOUSAND OF ITS CITIZENS.

The most horrifying air raid the world has ever known has reduced the city to a shambles.

Flimsy wooden buildings which house a war-time population of one-and-a-half million people are providing fuel for seven great conflagrations, compared with which the burning of Canton and Hankow during the Japanese occupations are mere bonfires.

HAILSTORM OF BOMBS

THE BOMBERS have broken through.

Despite the greatest concentration of Chinese planes seen during the war, and despite the almost impregnable chain of anti-aircraft batteries atop the mountains that almost surround the city—the topography is greatly reminiscent of Hongkong's—thirty-two of the thirty-eight warplanes which set out from the Japanese base at Hankow roared through the defences for the second time in 48 hours.

They dropped over 100 bombs in a raid that lasted less than an hour.

The inevitability of fires through Chungking's narrow streets of rotting wooden buildings was foregone.

Light incendiary bombs dropped like hailstones at the city's most vulnerable points.

They were accompanied by great torpedo bombs—500 times as heavy as the incendiaries—and crash succeeded crash as the city shook and crumbled before the onslaught.

TERRIBLE FATE

Hundreds of victims died without knowing what had happened. But a more terrible fate awaited—still awaits—hundreds of others.

They have been buried alive in the debris of a stricken city.

Now that the raiders have gone, everyone has turned feverishly out to assist in the work of rescue.

Fire, menacing and terrible, is licking through the ruins from several directions.

Cries become shrieks as many of the trapped victims realise the fate that is approaching them.

There are raging and uncontrolled infernos in seven separate parts of the city.

Bucket Gangs

There are no water mains with which to fight them.

There are no pumps and hose to bring a quenching flood from the yellow waters of the Yangtse, 200 hundred feet below in the narrow gorge.

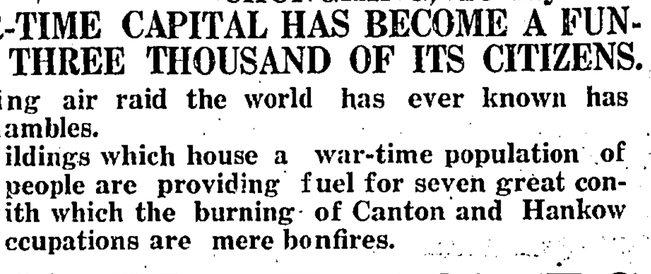
Instead, great chain bucket gangs have been formed. They are passing buckets of water from hand to hand—to provide a meagre and pitiful dribble against the raging, all-consuming infernos.

One blaze has completely surrounded the Methodist Episcopal Hospital. An American couple, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCurdy, succeeded in escaping from their home just as the flames reached it.

The Canadian French Mission has been devoured, and the nearby Canadian School, from which Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Vaught and Mr. Theodore White had miraculous escapes when it was struck by an incendiary bomb, has been reduced to ashes.

Tour Of City

I have just returned from a tour of the burning and devastated city. Even now, as I write, the groans and shrieks of hundreds of people trapped below the wreckage is resounding in my ears.



As I walked through the city walls continued to topple and I saw many who escaped the initial disaster die in these new dangers.

Children were the most pitiful victims. I saw eight, obviously of one family, huddled near the door of a wrecked tenement. They were all dead.

The most horrifying thought is the inevitability of those flames, licking steadily at the heart of the city. It seems that nothing can stop these great conflagrations, which throughout last night turned night into day.

3,000 Died

Unofficial estimates state that 3,000 have already died. It is the greatest death roll the world has ever witnessed from an air raid.

The amazing thing is that all foreigners seem to have escaped with but minor injuries. Mr. T. V. Vachlos, United Aircraft representative, had a miraculous escape from the Chinese hotel in which his offices were situated. Foreign pilots of the C.N.A.C., who also lived in the hotel, had previously evacuated. The hotel was demolished and later burnt.

Hospitals Packed

During the night I visited the hospitals.

The floors were literally dripping with blood as foreign and Chinese doctors hopelessly attempted to cope with the constant stream of dead and dying carried in from the streets.

They carried out operations without rest throughout the night.

Many streets are knee deep in debris, and thousands of terrified people are fleeing into the mountains, their one thought to get away from this horror that has come so suddenly upon them.

Path Of Death

CHUNGKING, Later.

There is a path of death a mile and a half long and 500 yards wide through the heart of the business section of the war-time capital.

But the heroic work of the fire brigades and volunteers is gradually bringing the raging fires under control.

Only two now threaten the city and they are partially under control.

Thousands of coolies have been drafted to tear down houses around the fire zones in order to create firebreaks and thus save the rest of the city.

A Chinese communique claims that one Japanese bomber was brought down.

The "Central News" Agency office was partially destroyed.

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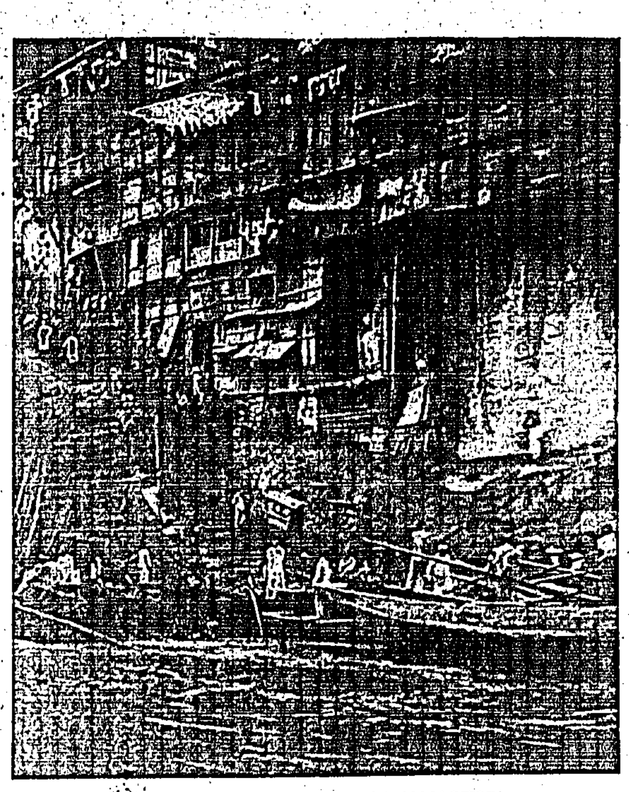

CHUNGKING FROM THE YANGTSE

Sagres Seizure Protests

LONDON, May 4.—Questioned in the House of Commons about the Japanese seizure of the British steamer Sagres on April 8, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that representations had been made to the Japanese authorities in China, and the Foreign Office in Tokyo, for the release of the vessel.—*Reuter.*

DALADIER REAFFIRMS POLICY

PARIS, May 4.

M. DALADIER, the Prime Minister, made the following statement to the press to-night.

"The newspapers announced this morning that on Thursday next the Government would make a declaration in the Chamber about the international situation.

"I believe that under these circumstances, I should wait no longer, but should state now what the general purport of that declaration will be.

"The attitude of France defined in my broadcast speech of March 20 has not changed, and will not change. External events are sufficient to confirm the legitimacy and necessity of our policy of vigilance and firmness. This policy has the approval of the entire country as has been proved by the consultations and decisions of the departments and Assemblies.

Raising Doubts

"However, it seems that both in France and in foreign countries, inexact information and tendacious comments are distorting the real facts, the object being either to undermine the determination of the Government and the nation, or to raise doubts in foreign countries about the clarity and consistency of French policy.

"I cannot protest emphatically enough against such distortions of the truth. In reality, the international situation is completely clear, inasmuch as the variety and abstruseness of the chief problems resolve themselves into one single question, namely, whether unilateral domination, or collaboration is to prevail in Europe.

The Stakes

"It is therefore in the last resort, the safety of France and the future of civilisation which is at stake, and

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800,000 Men To Be Conscripted

LONDON, May 4.

MOVING THE second reading of the Military Training Bill in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the bill would produce 200,000 men this year, and 800,000 in the three years of its currency.

He declared that, so far as he could judge from the evidence from different parts of the country, the view that he had already expressed that the careful disposal of the Government's proposals would dispose of fears and doubts about the idea of conscription had been confirmed.

People Determined

"There can be no possible manner of doubt that the determination of the British people to put themselves in a position fully to carry out the undertakings which they have been giving, as evidenced by this great departure from an old tradition, has created a very profound respect all over Europe."

Mr. Chamberlain dwelt on the position of conscientious objectors, who, he considered, had been dealt with in a broad-minded manner.

He anticipated that the temptation to take advantage of the provisions in this respect would be less than in the last war because it was not now contemplated that men would be asked to serve overseas, or to fight in trenches, but to undertake a comparatively short period of compulsory training.

The Government desired to respect scruples were they conscientiously held. There would be no persecutions.

"Bob A Day" Tommies

Dealing with the question of pay and allowances, the Premier said that militiamen would receive one shilling a day during the initial period of six months without addition for rank or trade, but there would be no stoppages. The conditions when the men pass into the auxiliary services would be determined later.

Special allowances for total dependants would be 17 shillings a week, 12 shillings a week for partial dependants, and 17 shillings a week

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NEW LIGHT ON RESIGNATION

Anglo-Soviet Deadlock?

LONDON, May 4.

THE SOVIET Foreign Minister's resignation has come as a surprise to diplomats, whose first reaction is that it may represent a victory for the Soviet isolationists who are opposed to M. Litvinoff's policy of co-operation with the western powers.

Newspapermen conveyed the news to the Soviet Ambassador here at the annual dinner of the China Society, but he refused to comment.

Other Soviet sources also declined to give any explanation.

Soviet sources, however, have been predicting during the past few days that the Soviets would break off negotiations if Britain and France failed to accept the Soviet offer of an ironclad mutual assistance pact.

It is thought, therefore, that the isolationists, who are believed to include military chiefs, feel that it is useless to seek Franco-British aid in halting aggression in Europe and that the Soviets should withdraw behind their own frontier, from whence they could repel any direct attack on the Soviet Union.—*United Press.*

STUMBLING BLOCK

TOKYO, May 4.

JAPANESE political circles, which appear to be well-informed on events in Russia, attach great importance to reports reaching Tokyo that Great Britain and Soviet Russia have failed to reach a basis for agreement.

It is believed that the negotiations have reached a stumbling block on the question of the inclusion of the Far East in any military pact that may be reached.

It is reported in Tokyo that the Soviet has insisted that the proposed agreement should apply equally to Europe and the Far East. Britain and France, however, have been endeavouring to persuade the Soviet to exclude the Far East from the agreement.

Japanese sources claim that Britain and France, nevertheless, promised that they would extend more vigorous assistance to the Chinese Government and would not oppose the despatch of Soviet volunteers to the assistance of China.

Premature Concessions

Japanese circles believe that the retirement of M. Litvinoff may be traced to his concessions to Britain, especially his willingness to exclude the Soviet's Far Eastern frontiers from an agreement.

On the other hand, the influential "Kokumin Shimbun" expresses the opinion that M. Litvinoff has been dismissed by M. Stalin in order to strengthen relations with Great Britain.

This newspaper is apparently alone in its opinion. Other newspapers declare that the withdrawal of M. Litvinoff means a total reversal of Soviet foreign policy and a return to the original policy of isolation.—*Domei.*

GERMAN BOURSE BOOMS

BERLIN, May 4.—The sudden eclipse of M. Litvinoff has caused a boom on the Berlin stock exchange.

Financial circles see in the removal of the Soviet apostle of collective security, the possibility of the Soviet-Union leaving the ranks of those countries whose foreign policy is primarily directed against Germany.

These hopes are not, however, fully shared by well-informed Berlin circles, where the first reaction is marked by a desire to await further

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GERMAN MOVE FOR ALLIES

BERLIN, May 4.

It is officially announced that Germany has reached an non-aggression pact.—*Reuter.*

agreement with Latvia for a

Reciprocal Contact

BERLIN, May 4.

IT HAS been reliably stated that Germany has moved to further extend their non-aggression front with tentative offers of mutual non-aggression pacts to Greece and other small Powers, in addition to the Scandinavian and Baltic countries.

Observers here express the belief that their objective is not only to safeguard the German northern flank in the event of war, but also to attempt to short circuit the demo-

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LATEST

Embassy Secretary Hurt In Raid

Shanghai, May 5.

Usually reliable foreign reports from Chungking state that the British Ambassador's secretary, Mr. John Tahourdin, was injured by a falling rock during yesterday's air raid, and he was taken aboard H.M.S. Falcon.

Communications with Chungking are so disorganised as a result of yesterday's raid, that it is impossible to obtain official confirmation from any source.—*Reuter.*

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WHO OWNS GRETNA ANVIL?

Rival Blacksmith-Priests Fight for the Title—and Cash

EDINBURGH.

RIVALS IN THE "over-the-anvil" marriage trade at Gretna faced each other here recently when the Court of Session was asked to decide which may rightfully describe his premises as the "Blacksmith's Shop."

Burly Mr. Richard Rennison, "blacksmith-priest" for many years, portly yet dignified, with a constant suggestion of a twinkle in his eyes, claims that his is the real Olde Original Blacksmith's Shop.

His rival slimmer, businesslike bowler-hatted Mr. David Macintosh, thinks he also is entitled to use the term.

Something of the romance that clings to Gretna Green entered the court.

Stretching across one of the walls was a banner bravely saying "To the old marriage house and Gretna Hall blacksmith's shop."

Ancient maps showing the routes taken by runaway lovers of long ago, photographs of the later eras in the village history of romance, old history books, and plans littered the lawyers' desks.

Forty witnesses are to be called in the action, which is expected to last several days, and which has been brought by the proprietors of the Blacksmith Shop and Gretna Museum (Mrs. Mary Mackie, Gretna House; Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Prestonhall, Annan; Mr. George Mackie, Floshend, Gretna, Melrose, Johannesburgh).

They seek to prevent Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Macintosh, of Gretna Hall, Gretna Green, from using the words "Blacksmith Shop."

Mr. and Mrs. Macintosh deny that the petitioners have any right or title to the exclusive use of the description.

"LIKE SMALL-POX"

Lord Russel described a map produced by Mr. Alexander McLennan, an architect, and the first witness, which showed the numerous noticeboards, 23 in all, directing visitors to the rival blacksmith shops as like "a case of smallpox."

Mr. William McIntyre, 69-years-old president of the Archaeology Council of Westmorland, said that in past years clandestine marriages had been performed at various places in Gretna and outside by persons who were blacksmiths.

Mr. McIntyre said he believed the old smithy belonging to the petitioners was the original marriage house.

Gretna Hall came into prominence in 1825, when it was converted from an inn into a "marriage place de luxe." Records showed the Earl of Westmorland was married there in 1782.

Cross-examined, Mr. McIntyre said he disagreed with the report of the Morison Committee on the Marriage Laws of Scotland, produced two years ago, expressing doubt that Gretna marriages were celebrated by a blacksmith or even in a blacksmith shop.

Whipsnade's Baby Camel

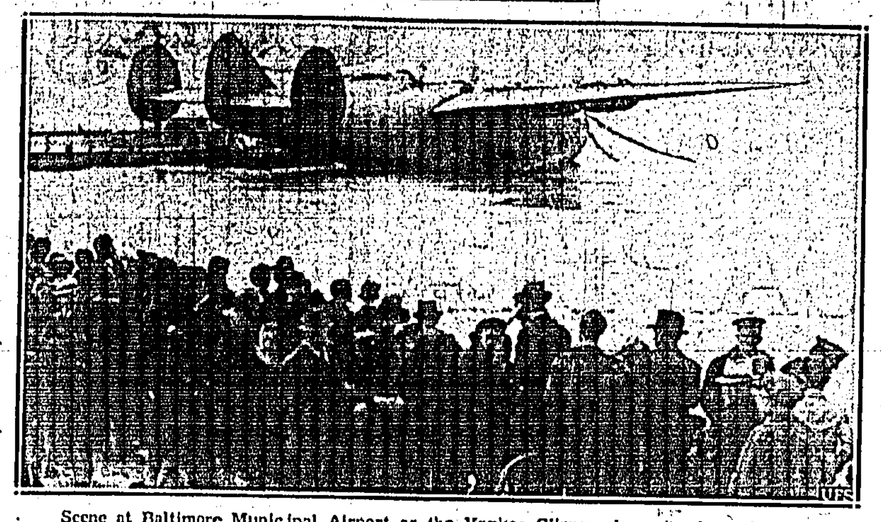
A baby bactrian or two-humped camel born at Whipsnade can now be seen in the paddock with her mother, Nick-named Equinox, she is a quaint infant with long ungainly legs, a comparatively small body with two little curves in the back where the humps should be, and a woolly curly coat.

As she has not yet got full control over her legs, she walks with a staggering gait. Her brother, Hallelujah, born at Easter three years ago, is about to come to the London Zoo to earn his living by giving rides to young visitors. He has been in training for several weeks.

Baby wallabies have begun to make their appearance at the Zoo. Easter is always the time for these attractive and amusing Zoo infants, and although at present all that can be seen of them is their heads sticking out of the maternal pouches, they will soon be scrambling out and trying to walk.

Their unsteady walk is most comic. If alarmed they rush back to their mothers and often get into the pouches head first in their anxiety to be safe.

Largest Plane



Scene at Baltimore Municipal Airport as the Yankee Clipper, largest plane in the world, started its hop toward Europe. Twenty persons were aboard the plane, whose destination was the Azores, 2,880 miles away, with Lisbon, Portugal, at end of trip.

Sailor Sues Girl He Loved

TWO former sweethearts, whose parents were lifelong friends, were on opposing sides in a case at Grays, Essex, County Court recently.

It was a "tragic sequel to a love affair," counsel said.

Leslie Pudney, aged 21, of Hamilton-road, Great Yarmouth, mate of the motor vessel Halcyon, sued Miss Queenie May Barrell, aged 19, and her father, Henry Barrell, licensee of the Theobald Arms Hotel, Grays, for the return of £150, which he alleged was obtained by fraud and false pretences.

There was a counter claim for £150 0s. 6d.

Mr. Kerr Lindsay, for the Barrels, said the counter claim was to be heard first.

BECAME FRIENDLY

When the boy's ship was at Grays, Pudney became friendly with Miss Barrell.

On July 4, 1937, the girl gave birth to a son. She refused Pudney's offer of marriage, but agreed to accept £150 in full settlement. The child was ill from birth and was in hospital.

On August 25 the Barrells were to sign an agreement, but earlier on that day the child died. The girl's mother was told of this but did not tell her husband or her daughter, who signed the agreement and collected the £150.

Miss Barrell could no longer help her father in the business and was still ill. The father claimed that he was entitled to damages for loss of her services.

WAS JEALOUS

In the witness box, Miss Barrell said Pudney was jealous when he met her because she had been going with another man. The three of them met to decide what was to be done. She chose Pudney, and the other man was so upset that he went away to sea.

Mr. Lindsay: It was like the judgment of Paris?

Judge Davies: Not quite, in that case there were three beautiful ladies, but in this case there was one beautiful goddess choosing between two men.

The hearing was adjourned.

*Paris (in Greek mythology) was called to decide who should have a golden apple awarded "to the fairest." The goddesses Héra, Aphrodite and Athena were the claimants and Paris gave the apple to Aphrodite.

"Lover's Lane" Back

Norwalk, O.

The "Lovers' Lane" of Norwalk, which had been converted into an unsuccessful rabbit-breeding ground by the state, will be returned to its original status if residents are successful in their efforts to convert it into a state park.

Flying In Delaware

Dover, Del.

Interest in aviation has increased in Delaware during the past year. There were 20 more licensed pilots and 18 more airplanes in the state on Jan. 1 than on the same date of 1938. The totals gave 64 pilots and 56 airplanes.

AFTER FEVER CARE

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EMPIRE NEWS

FLAX PROSPECTS IN KENYA

NAIROBI.

After a lapse of 20 years consideration is being given to revival of flax growing in Kenya. Mr. W. J. Megaw, Flax Inspector in the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, has reported favourably, recommending that the crops should be grown at altitudes above 6,000ft.

He declares there is plenty of suitable land. In view of the cheap labour supply he discourages the idea of using automatic machines for harvesting and scutching.

At the present market price he considers flax should do well, and remarks that as Kenya seed has always been held in high regard in Ireland, there should be a possibility of expanding the market.

Flax was first grown in the Colony experimentally by the Government in 1908 and was a most profitable crop during the war, when the prices of some Kenya flax reached £500 a ton.

The first post-war new settlement of ex-officers was based on flax, but before their initial crop was harvested the market collapsed and the flax was never pulled

Ex-Judge at Kenya Bar.—Sir Charles F. Belcher, former Chief Justice of Trinidad, has settled in Kenya and has been admitted to practise at the Kenya Bar. Sir Charles was born in Australia and began his Colonial service in 1916 in Uganda. After serving in Nyasaland, Zanzibar, Cyprus and Trinidad, he retired in 1936.

AUSTRALIA

PROJECT FOR PETROL STORAGE

SYDNEY.

As a defence measure serious attention has been given to the necessity for accumulating in Australia large stores of petrol and other liquid fuel.

An expert committee has reported to the Federal Government that to lay down a year's supply would entail an outlay of between £5,000,000 and £10,000,000 of "dead capital." The major oil companies, who normally maintain six months' supply in Australia, have decided co-operatively to increase this amount to avoid a large and uproductive outlay by the Commonwealth Government.

INDIA

BUDDHA RELICS DISCOVERED

CALCUTTA.

Relics of bygone days, centuries old, including what are traditionally believed to be the teeth of the great Buddhist sage, Nagarjuna, and the ashes of Buddha, have lately been discovered.

The excavations were carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India in the Guntur District, Madras, at Nagarjunakonda, on the right bank of the Krishna river. The place bear the name of the sage whose relics it is supposed to enshrine. The discoveries throw a flood of light on ancient practices.

Planter Murdered.—Mr. Alfred Christopher Cotton, who was shot dead while asleep in his bungalow on the Shonayar Tea Estate, Anamalais, in South India, was a planter of wide experience. He was a former chairman of the United Planters' Association of South India. The murderer escaped after robbing a safe.

NEW ZEALAND

STEPS TO DEAL WITH MEAT SURPLUS

AUCKLAND

Restrictions placed on the importation of Dominion mutton and lamb into the United Kingdom have been discussed by the Minister of Marketing, Mr. Nash, with the New Zealand Meat Producers' Board.

As an outcome no restrictions will be placed on the killing of stock in the Dominion, but should the quantity exceed the quota fixed by the British authorities the New Zealand Government and the board will take steps to deal with the surplus.

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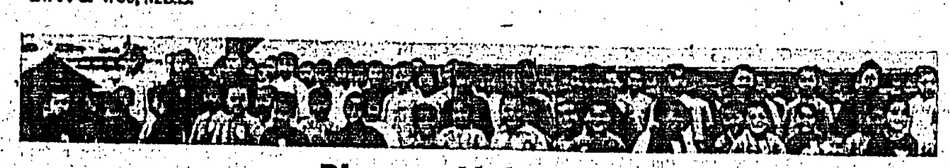

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Hotel Keeper Must Pay if Guest's Car is Stolen

HIGHWAY ROBBERY ACT STILL BINDING

HOTEL-KEEPERS are responsible for guests' cars parked on their premises, but garage or carpark keepers are not, unless negligence can be proved.

This curious anomaly of the law was revealed at Dartford County Court recently. An hotel guest who sued the hotel proprietor for the loss of his car, which was stolen, was given judgment for the sum claimed, £52 with costs.

Giving reserved judgment, Judge Sir Gerald Hurst, K.C., held that the car park was part of the inn, and therefore the inn keeper was liable at common law for the loss of the car.

"Liability for loss of this type," he said, "dates from an age when highway robbery was prevalent and collusion between innkeeper and robber was common.

"Its more recent extension by virtue of the growth of car parks is clearly a formidable burden upon all innkeepers, but the rule remains binding."

Recent lawsuits have shown that owners of car parks and garages are not liable for the loss of their customers' goods, unless negligence can be proved against them. But the position is different with hotel keepers, because they are bound by the old Innkeepers Acts.

8 THEFTS IN 2 YEARS

The secretary of the Hotel and Restaurants Association was asked whether hotel keepers were doing anything about a reform in the law to put them on the same footing as garage owners.

"There are complaints from time to time," he said, "from hotel owners who have suffered in this way, but we have never considered a reform.

"It would mean an Act of Parliament, separating car parks from the rest of an hotel keeper's premises, in point of law. Hotel keepers know the law and just have to put up with it."

The view of the Automobile Association is that guests generally leave their cars unlocked so that they can be moved about for the convenience of everybody in general, and the hotel keeper in particular, and therefore they might expect some supervision to safeguard the cars.

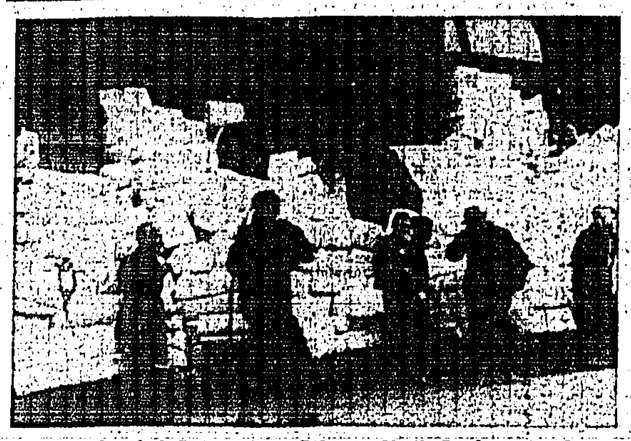
The action was brought by Royden Percy Stewart, of Printworks House, Crayford, against Nora Titley, licencee of the Black Prince Hotel, Bexley.

It was stated that the car was recovered by the police. Between January, 1937, and November, 1938, eight cars had been stolen from the car park, and there had been three cases of theft from cars.

Town Wants Smithy

NEW HAMPTON, N. H.

Shades of Longfellow: an article inserted in the New Hampton town warrant would exempt from taxes for five years the first experienced blacksmith who will settle here to ply his trade.



The Shanghai General Post Office on North Szechuen Road was the scene of a veritable deluge recently as thousands of parcels bound for the interior were being handled following a 40-day accumulation through congestion on the Haiphong-Kunming Railway. The above picture offers some indication of the gigantic task faced by the postal employees.

GIRL AUTHORITY ON BIRD LORE

ALTHOUGH only 15 years old, Pauline Harcourt-Roberts, of Little Milford, near Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, is one of the most expert students of bird life in Britain.

She has her own bird sanctuary in the woodlands around her riverside home, and is a member of the Pembrokeshire Wild Birds Protection Society, who have chosen her report, out of hundreds submitted, for inclusion in their annual report.

"I often spend three or four hours alone in the woods watching birds," Pauline said.

"It is astonishing what a lot of creatures you will see if you stand absolutely still for an hour or so. It takes a lot of patience, but it is worth it."

FIVE-YEAR DIARY

When she was only nine Pauline used to get up before 7 a.m. and go into the woods to record at what times the birds began to sing.

She has a five-year diary recording her observations.

She has a canoe in which she goes about the river in summer time watching the habits of water birds.

Injured birds often come under her care.

OWLS IN TRAPS

Once on successive nights she found an owl caught in a trap. Both birds were disabled, one having a broken leg. She took them home, intending to keep them till they had become strong again. But the owls refused to eat, and she was compelled to let them go. Afterwards she frequently saw one of the birds flying around with the bandage still on its leg.

"I have climbed to the top of the highest tree in the woods to watch birds," Pauline added.

"When I am older I mean to go in for bird photography, and I hope to write about birds as well."

Japanese Authorities And Settlement

THE following questions, dealing with the hostile Japanese action against the International Settlement and French concessions of Shanghai were asked in the House of Commons recently.

Mr. Hannah asked the Prime Minister whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Japanese authorities at Tientsin have surrounded the British and French concessions with barricades and live wires; and whether he will take steps to ensure that full freedom of movement and actions shall be secured for the British residents of Tientsin and their employes?

Mr. Butler: Yes, Sir, and the matter is being taken up with the Japanese Government.

Mr. Moreing asked the Prime Minister whether his attention has been called to the fact that the Japanese-sponsored government in Nanking has announced a silent war against the International Settlement and French concessions of Shanghai and against British and French ships in the Far East; and whether he will inform the Japanese Government that His Majesty's Government do not recognise the so-called Nanking Reformed Government, and will hold the Japanese Government responsible for any hostile action from areas controlled by the Japanese against the International Settlement or against British ships in the Far East?

Mr. Butler: Yes, Sir. My Noble Friend has seen the Press reports on the subject, but he has not received any official confirmation. As regards the second part of the question, the Japanese Government can be in no doubt that His Majesty's Government do not recognise the Reformed Government at Nanking, and any further statement of our attitude appears to be unnecessary.

Mr. Moreing: Will my right hon. Friend consider making the latter part of his reply known as widely as possible, in view of the fact that the facts in the question were broadcast by the B.B.C. on Sunday night?

Mr. Butler: I will see what can be done.

Mr. Gallacher: Is not the Government at Nanking very much in the same position as the Franco Government?

Duke's Sister, Earl's Son To Wed After All

The engagement of Viscount Brackley, twenty-three-year-old son of the Earl and Countess of Ellesmere, and Lady Diana Percy, twenty-one-year-old daughter of the Duchess of Northumberland and sister of the present duke, was announced recently for the second time in nine months.

Their first engagement, announced in June, was broken off in October, when the duchess suddenly announced the wedding would not take place.

Lord and Lady Ellesmere expressed surprise at her statement. "It is the first we have heard that the arrangements have been altered," they said.

But Lord Brackley confirmed the duchess's announcement." There will be no wedding," he said. "I prefer to say nothing more!"

While the couple were celebrating their re-engagement at a dinner party, the duchess said they would be married in Westminster Abbey. The marriage unites two famous border families.

GANGSTERS AT 15

LONDON.

Two 15 year old boys, accused in the juvenile court at Liverpool were stated to have stripped another boy of all clothing except his shirt and to have used him as a human target for darts fired through an air pistol. The victim was 11, and a stranger to the boys who after giving him chocolate made him descend into a deserted pit. After one dart had pierced his thigh they made him hold out his arm and another stuck in his finger. The boy ran and the others chased him hurling big clinkers, cutting his head and bruising his face as he fell and lay helpless. He was left but recovered and his mother took him to hospital. The magistrate remanding the two accused in custody for a week to consider their penalty remarked "Flogging is the only fit punishment for you, but, unfortunately we are not allowed to order it in this court".

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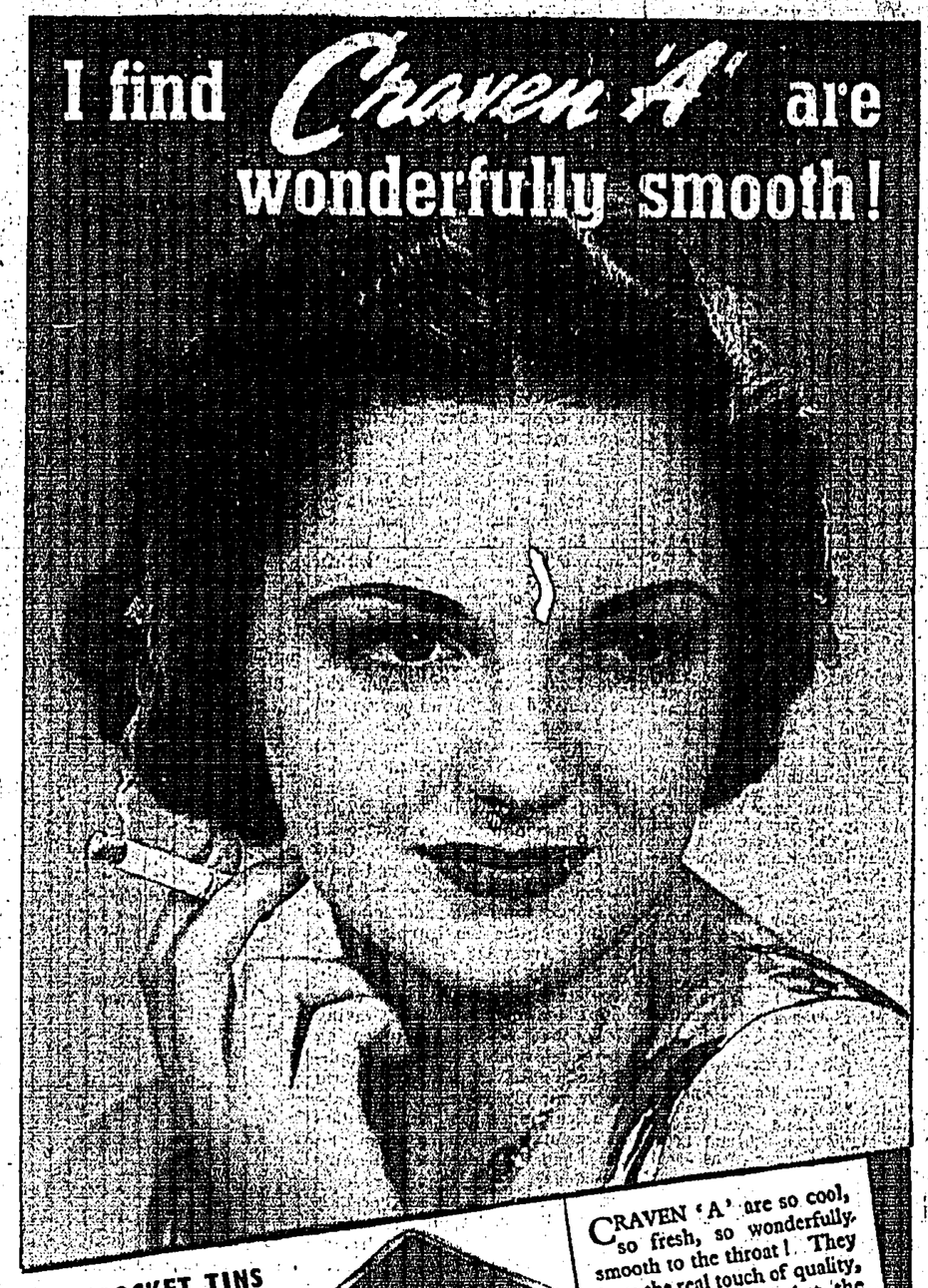

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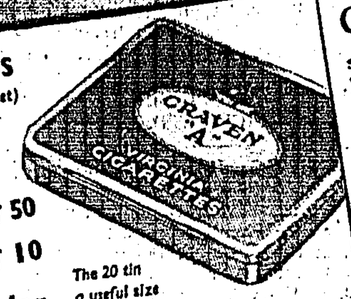

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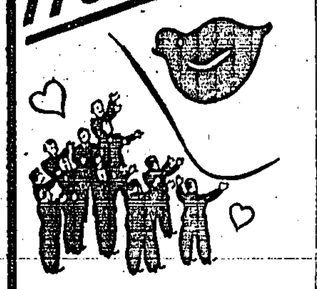

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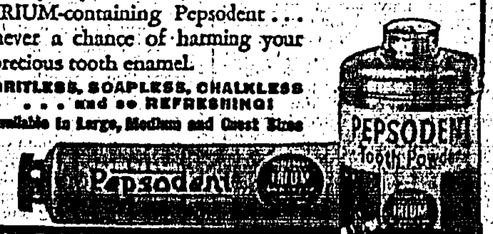

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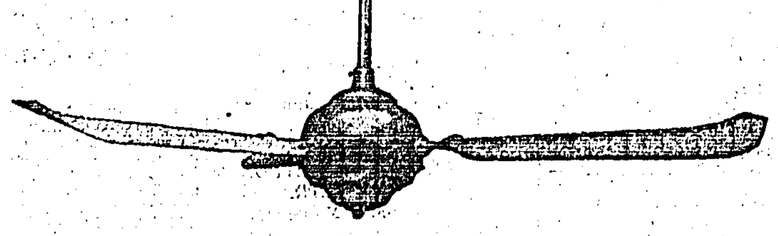

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CHINA'S CAPITAL BECOMES A FUNERAL PYRE FOR 3,000

(Continued from Page 1.)

Bombs struck the British and French Consulates.

The British Consulate was occupied by the Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, who witnessed the entire raid.

The German Embassy was endangered at one stage, but was saved by firemen.—*United Press.*

Huge Fires

CHUNGKING, May 5.—Chungking, China's war-time capital, which was severely bombed by Japanese planes on Wednesday, was subjected to another ruthless aerial attack by Japanese warplanes yesterday.

The air raid alarm was raised at 5.20 p.m. when it was reported that 36 Japanese aircraft were seen heading for the city. A part of them were intercepted by Chinese pursuits over Pehpei, near Chungking, where dog-fights occurred.

Twenty-seven machines broke into the city and for fully half-an-hour rained bombs in a haphazard fashion over the business and residential sections. Huge fires were started by the incendiary missiles dropped. Casualties and damage are heavy. The "all clear" was given around 6 o'clock.—*Central News.*

Earlier Report

Chungking, May 4.

Thirty-six bombers again raided Chungking to-day, and casualties are estimated at between 800 and 1,000.

One Japanese plane was shot down.

The bombers came in two groups, each of 18, and concentrated on certain military establishments which had been moved some time ago.

The bombs fell on the closely-packed surrounding houses, killing and wounding hundreds.

Thousands Homeless

Half of Chungking is without electric lights or the telephone service. Thousands are homeless, sleeping on the pavements.

In vivid contrast, the other half of the city is full of bright lights, and life is going on as usual.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, watched the raids yesterday and to-day.—*Reuter.*

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS

H.K. Banks $ .... 1,390 s.
H.K. Banks, Lon. £ .... 84½ n.
Chartered £ .... 7⅞ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £ .... 27 n.
Mercantile, C. £ .... 13 n.
East Asia $ .... 80 n.

INSURANCES

Canton $ .... 225 b.
Unions $ .... 445 s.
China Underwriter $ .... 1.30 n.
H.K. Fire $ .... 180 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas $ (x. d.) .... 67 b.
Steamboats $ .... 15 n.
Indo-Chinas, P. $ .... 60 n.
Indo-Chinas, D$ .... 24 n.
Shell Bearers s/- .... 81/3 n.
Waterboats $ .... 8.40 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves $ .... 100 b.
Docks $ .... 17 s.
Providents $ .... 4½ s.
New Eng. Sh. $ .... 7.05 n.
Sh. Docks, Sh. $ .... 100½ n.

MINING

Kailan s/- .... 17/6 n.
Raubs $ .... 8.55 n.
Venz: Goldfield $ .... 3 n.
Hongkong Mines cts. .... 4 n.
Atamoks Ps. .... 31½ sa.
Atoks Ps. .... —
Baguio Gold Ps. .... 24 sa.
Benguet Cons. Ps. .... —
Coco Grove Ps. .... 32½ sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .... 13½ sa.
I.X.L. Ps. .... 52 sa.
Itogons Ps. .... —
Carmarines Ps. .... —
San Mauricio Ps. .... 09 sa.
Suyoc Consols Ps. .... —
Paracales Ps. .... 58 sa.

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Hotels $ .... 5.65 s.
Lands $ .... 32½ b.
Lands 4% deb. $ .... 100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $ .... 8.90 n.
Humphreys $ .... 7.10 b.
H.K. Realties $ .... 4.30 s.
Chinese Estates $ .... 102 n.

UTILITIES

Trams $ .... 16.30 sa.
Peak Trams (old) $ .... 8 n.
Peak Trams (new) $ .... 4 n.
Star Ferries $ .... 65 b.
Y. Ferries $ (x. d.) .... 22.60 n.
China Lights (old) $ .... 8.30 sa.
China Lights (new) $ .... 5¼ b.
H.K. Electrics $ .... 54¾ b.
Macao Electrics $ .... 16½ b.
Sandakan Lights $ .... 12 n.
Telephones (old) $ .... 21.75 b.
Telephones (new) $ .... 7¼ n.
Tractions s/- .... 21/- n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/- .... 22/- n.

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Cald: Macg. (ord.), Sh. $ .... 14 n.
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The Fifty-Eighth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 18th May, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th May to the 18th May, 1939, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th May to the 8th June, 1939 inclusive.

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Hongkong, 25th April, 1939.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of May, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stanley, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Rural Building Lot No. 421.	North West of Rural Building Lot No. 392, Island Road, Stanley.	as per sale plan.				About 26,000	$238	$6,500

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of May, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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2	Inland Lot No. 5503.	West of and adjoining Inland Lot No. 3685, Blue Pool Road, Wong Nei Chung.	as per sale plan.				About 37,660	$692	$18,830

150,000 To Strike In America

New York, May 4.

The joint sub-committee negotiating for a settlement of the Appalachian coal strike, to-day announced its failure to agree, indicating that no step will be taken to countermand the earlier strike order calling out 150,000 miners in these regions at midnight.—*Reuter.*

New Expulsion By Germans

BERLIN, May 4.—Miss Barbara Henman, a secretary in the Berlin office of the "Daily Telegraph," has been ordered to leave Germany within 14 days.

No reason is given.

Miss Henman is the first woman among the present series of expulsions.—*Reuter.*

DALADIER REAFFIRMS POLICY

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which we together, with an overwhelming majority of the people in the world, are determined to defend.

"The French people knows that its determination is unshakeable. But I wanted under the present circumstances to recall this."—*Trans-Ocean.*

GERMAN MOVE FOR ALLIES

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cratic anti-aggression system.—*United Press.*

Britain And Poland

Warsaw, May 4.

It is understood that the British Ambassador was in conference with the Polish Foreign Under-Secretary, Count Szembek, for an hour yesterday, and that he suggested that the Foreign Minister should make a conciliatory speech in Parliament to-morrow.

Colonel Beck is expected to proclaim Poland's readiness to continue a policy of friendship with Germany.

He will refuse to surrender Danzig but will propose negotiations with Germany and other interested powers.—*United Press.*

Seeks Other Pacts

Berlin, May 4.

That consultations with Estonia and Latvia—similar to those with the Scandinavian States—have taken place, and that they may eventually lead to negotiations regarding questions of security on a reciprocal basis, is not denied in official circles here.

Political quarters regard these contacts as logical consequences of the Fuehrer's declaration that Germany is willing to give non-aggression assurances to those countries which desired such assurances, on the condition, of course, that these are reciprocal.

With regard to Lithuania, it is pointed out that agreements reached with that country in connection with the incorporation of Memelland have already clarified the mutual relations of the two countries, and that they have agreed to refrain from the application of force in the settlement of eventual disputes.

Commenting on the recent statements of responsible Scandinavian statesmen, which have made it clear that these countries refuse to be drawn into alliances or blocs directed against other States, the diplomatic correspondent of the "Berliner Boersen Zeitung" declares that the definite rejection of political entanglements by the Scandinavian States must be regarded as an answer to President Roosevelt's invitation to participate in moral encirclement combinations. The paper says that none of the States to-day can be quite certain that it will not some day receive immoral proposals that might embarrass it and eventually jeopardise its neutrality. — *Trans-Ocean.*

Rome Talks

Berlin, May 4.

Official quarters emphasise that no concrete decisions or developments are expected as an immediate result of Herr von Ribbentrop's visit to Rome.

It is naturally important that Germany and Italy should discuss possible developments in connection with Danzig and Poland, and the position of Yugo-Slavia.—*Reuter.*

Gafencu In Venice

Rome, May 4.

M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, who left Rome to-day for Belgrade on the penultimate stage of his long tour of European capitals, broke his journey at Venice in order to see the Rumanian Minister to Hungary, who had arrived there the previous day.

Immediately upon reaching Belgrade, M. Gafencu will call on the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister, Dr. Marcovic.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Polish Diet To Meet

WARSAW, May 4.—The Polish Chamber will meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning to hear Colonel Beck's reply to Herr Hitler.

Colonel Beck is expected to speak at 11.15. The speech will be broadcast throughout Poland, and relayed to the United States. There will be translations of the broadcast in English, French, and German.—*Reuter.*

ANGLO-SOVIET PARLEYS: BREAKDOWN RUMOURED

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developments before giving expression to any opinion.

The question as to whether the resignation of M. Litvinoff will lead to a revision of Soviet foreign policy is posed by most of the Berlin evening papers.

Latest belief in Berlin is that Stalin's disinclination to work hand in hand with the western democracies is the cardinal factor which brought about the fall of the Soviet Foreign Commissar.

Soviet-Reich Relations

There are no indications of any intention on the part of Germany, to follow up this sensational Soviet move by seeking to modify its attitude towards the Soviet Union. In fact, the whole question of German-Soviet relations finds no mention in the German press.

Most of the newspapers this evening give prominence to the embarrassment caused in London and Paris by the news. Certain it is, says the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," Litvinoff went all out to get the Soviet Union to abandon the reserve imposed upon it by a former period of isolation and to lead it to the West with flying colours.

The "Angriff" reports that Litvinoff has already moved out of his luxuriously furnished palace and has taken a three-roomed flat.

Ambassadors To Be Recalled?

In all probability, says the paper, the Soviet Ambassadors to London and Paris, M. Maisky and M. Suritz will be recalled, as they were both close collaborators with Litvinoff.

A despatch from Warsaw says that at the conference held in the Kremlin on Wednesday, M. Stalin presided and among others present were M. Voroshiloff and M. Zdanoff. When it came to discussing the British proposals, a fierce dispute arose between Zdanoff and Litvinoff. It is believed that the Red Army is opposed to a foreign policy which would entail Soviet commitments of a far-reaching character.

When the conference ended, Litvinoff handed in his resignation.—*Trans-Ocean.*

800,000 MEN TO BE CONSCRIPTED IN U.K.

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for a wife with the customary allowances for children.

The Government proposed to reduce to 20 the age at which family allowances were paid in the regular and auxiliary forces which at present was considerably higher than the age of the new militiamen.

Ireland Omitted

Mr. Chamberlain announced that the bill would not be applied to Northern Ireland, and would be accordingly amended. Lord Craigavon, with whom he conferred, had left the decision to the United Kingdom Government, who was desirous of avoiding differences which must arise if the bill was applied there at present.

As a recognition of Northern Ireland's patriotism, it had been decided to constitute a force on the supplementary reserve basis, in the form of a light tank unit of the Royal Armoured Corps.

Mr. Chamberlain, in concluding, made an appeal in the following words: "The sooner we get this bill through the sooner we can assure the safety of the country, and the greater will be the effect on the different countries in Europe."

Opposition Amendment

Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith (Lab.) moving the Opposition amendment, maintained that the voluntary system would have provided all the men required. Scenes of enthusiasm and queues of men waiting to join outside the territorial drill-halls convinced him there was no need for conscription in Britain.

To introduce this enormous elaboration of continental conscription into Britain for the sake of inducing young men to go to camp for three to six months, was really to use a steam hammer to crack a nut.

Volunteers Favoured

Mr. Lees-Smith contended that compared with Mr. Chamberlain's figures of 200,000 for training under conscription, the voluntary system, with reserves of men who had been trained under it, could produce 700,000 men.

Sir Archibald Sinclair also spoke in favour of the voluntary system, and added that the preservation of peace depended on our strength, moral firmness, and the ability to impress that in good time upon the consciences of the rulers of other countries, and also on co-operation between ourselves and the other peace-loving nations.

"We must also convince the German and Italian people that our feelings are friendly towards them." added Sir Archibald.—*Reuter.*

Cheers For Eden

Sir Hugh O'Neill, the member for County Antrim, said that the reason for the exclusion of Northern Ireland from the bill was that the head of another State thought it right and proper to interfere, and had made the British Government change its mind.

Mr. Anthony Eden, who was greeted with cheers, denied that the voluntary system had altogether ceased to exist. It was true we were accepting a new principle, but he did not think anybody wanted to curtail the liberties of a subject.

Mr. Eden expressed the opinion that it was ridiculous to suggest that the introduction of conscription was the first step towards a totalitarian regime in this country. The House of Commons could immediately stop any movement in that direction, and there was no doubt that it would. There could be no compulsory service of any kind in this country unless it had an overwhelming measure of voluntary support.—*Reuter.*

Scene In House

London, May 4.

There was a "scene" in the House of Commons to-day.

At one moment the House was listening with quiet intentness to Mr. Chamberlain's explanation of the effects of the Military Training Bill (Conscription) and the next pandemonium broke out.

All because the Premier had said: "It has been decided not to extend conscription to the six counties of Northern Ireland."

That did it! A section of the House rose and roared its protest, and some time elapsed before the Speaker could restore order to enable Mr. Chamberlain to resume his speech, says a "Trans-Ocean" message.

Government's Conduct

London, May 4.

Mr. J. Kirkwood said that the men of the Clyde would rather strike than yield to conscription.

Mr. D. R. Grenfell, winding up for the Opposition, said that this country was not going down, but if the opinion that it was had been created abroad, it was due to the conduct of the British Government.

The Minister for Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, said that those who predicted the voluntary system would break down immediately conscription was introduced would be proved wrong. He quoted figures showing that the proposed conscription measure had not adversely affected recruiting in the past few weeks.

Introduction of the bill had a more profound and steadying effect in Europe than any other event in recent weeks.—*Reuter.*

No Conscription For Northern Irishmen

LONDON, May 4.—Introducing the Conscription Bill for the second reading in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said if the Bill runs for the three full years as is planned at present, 800,000 conscripts will be trained.

He announced that the measure would not be applied to North Ireland.—*United Press.*

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

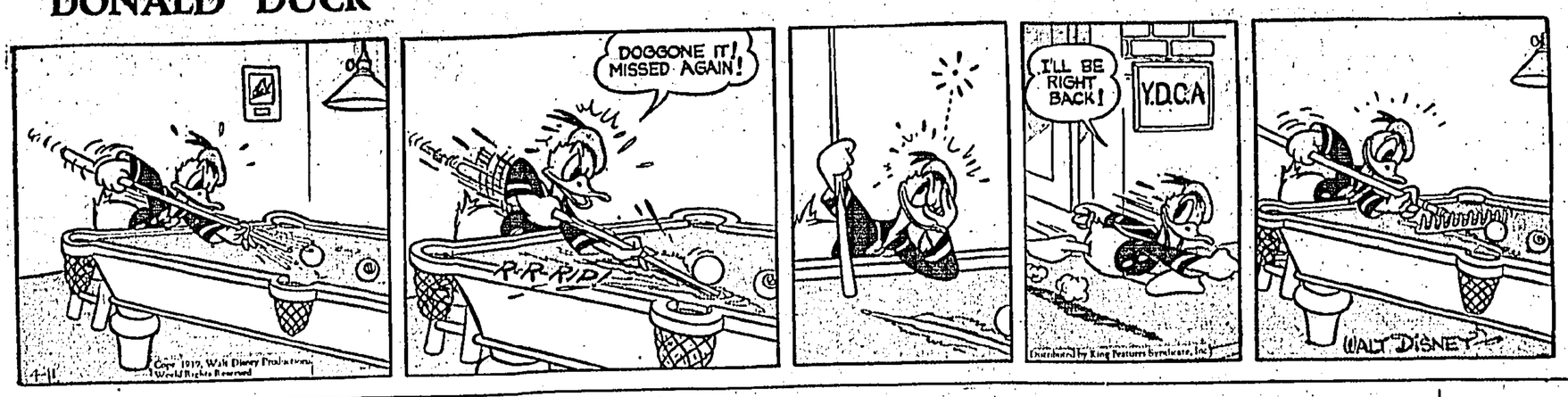
From	Per	Due.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 14th April)	Emp. of Japan	May 5
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	May 5
Australia and Manila	Tanda	May 5
Shanghai	Glenapp	May 6
Shanghai	Gneisenau	May 6
Tientsin and Swatow	Hupeh	May 6
Shanghai and Swatow	Kingyuan	May 6
Saigon	Lippe	May 6
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	May 6
Java	Tjisalak	May 6
Calcutta and Straits	Yuensang	May 6
Straits	Anhui	May 7
Haiphong	Canton	May 7
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 6th April.	Haruna Maru	May 7
Japan	Regensburg	May 7
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Soochow	May 7
Japan	Arabia Maru	May 8
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 3rd May	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**May 8**
Japan	Tango Maru	May 8
Java and Manila	Tjisadane	May 8
Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	May 9
Australia and Manila	Taiping	May 9
Japan	Teiresias	May 9

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Friday		
Shanghai	Hunan	Fri., May 5, 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Laos	Fri., May 5, 1.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wah	Fri., May 5, 2 p.m.
Swatow	Suiyang	Fri., May 5, 2.30 p.m.
Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion and Madagascar	Tegelberg	Fri., May 5, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., May 5, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service".	**Air France Plane**	**Fri., May 5.**
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	May 5, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 5, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	May 5, 5 pm.
	Ord.,	May 5, 7 p.m.
Madang, Salamaua, Tulagi and Rabaul	Friderun	Fri., May 5, 7.00 p.m.
Papers only for Straits and (Parcels and Papers) for Calcutta	Santhia	Fri., May 5.
	Parcels	May 5, 5 p.m.
	Papers	May 6, 8.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Shanghai	Tanda	Sat., May 6, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 18th May	**Suwa Maru**	**Sat., May 6.**
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 6, 1.30 p.m.
	Ord.	May 6, 2 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles —due Marseilles 6th June	Suwa Maru	Sat., May 6.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 6, 1.45 p.m.
	Ord.	May 6, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Chuanchow and Foochow	Haiching	Sat., May 6, 2 p.m.
Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Gneisenau	Sat., May 6, 4.30 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Haruna Maru	Sat., May 6, 5 p.m.
Sunday		
Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Shantung	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Haiphong	Taisang	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Japan	Yuensang	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Haiphong	Tunni	Mon., May 8, 9.00 a.m.
Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques and (Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban)	Arabia Maru	Sat., May 8, 2.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Pakhoi	Kwangtung	Mon., May 8, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 15th May	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**Mon., May 8.**
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 8, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 8, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 15th May.	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**Mon., May 8.**
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 8, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 8, 7 p.m.
Tuesday		
Canton	Fatshan	Tues., May 9, 7.15 a.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Yunnan	Tues., May 9, 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Jean Dupuis	Tues., May 9, 2 p.m.
Chuanchow and Amoy	Kingyuan	Tues., May 9, 3.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Straits	Teiresias	Tues., May 9, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 17th May.	**Pan American Airways plane**	**Wed., May 10.**
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 10, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	May 10, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 10, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 7.30 a.m.
Wednesday		
Swatow	Yusang	Wed., May 10, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Pres. Doumer	Wed., May 10, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Taiyuan	Wed., May 10, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Wed., May 10, 2 p.m.
Thursday		
Swatow	Hangsang	Thurs., May 11, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia	Ranchi	Thurs., May 11, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 18th May	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**Tues., May 11.**
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 19th May	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**Tues., May 11.**
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 7 p.m.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



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U.S. ADMIRAL FEARS PROSPECTS OF WAR

WASHINGTON, May 4.

ADMIRAL WILLIAM LEAHY, testifying before the House of Representatives appropriations committee to-day, which approved the naval estimates of $770,000,000, declared that the "prospect of an international disturbance in the near future" made it imperative that the United States complete its naval re-armament programme with all possible speed.

Admiral Leahy paid particular attention to the future plans of Italy, Germany, and Japan.

The committee decided to reject the request for funds to start work on the naval air bases in the Pacific islands of Wake, Midway, Palmyra and Johnston, but approved the other bases at Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Florida, and Oregon.

The navy now consists of 340 warships, with an air fleet of 1,454 planes. A further 144 warships and 650 planes are under construction or are contemplated.—*Reuter.*

45,000-Ton Warships

WASHINGTON, May 4.— The House of Representatives appropriations committee to-day approved the naval estimates totalling $770,000,000, including funds to start construction of two 45,000-ton battleships, 21 other warships, and 500 planes.

Admiral William Leahy, Chief of Naval Operations, testifying before the committee said that Japan was building three battleships between 42,000 and 40,000 tons, adding: "In my opinion we shall not accomplish any approach to equality without building these 45,000-ton ships and starting them this year."

The battleships will be launched in 1943 at a cost of $93,000,000 each, and they will be armed with 16-inch guns.—*Reuter.*

"Inevitable Warfare"

Washington, May 4.

Opening to-day's debate on the Naval Appropriation Bill, Representative James Scrugham said the United States faces an ultimate show down to stop the nations who are coveting the United States raw materials.

He said the appropriation replies to apparently "inevitable warfare in the not distant future."

He maintained that disarmament proposals and economic appeasement efforts seem useless in the present condition of the world.

The Naval Appropriation Bill, together with other measures, brings defence appropriations during this session of Congress to a near record of two billion dollars.—*United Press.*

STARTLED REACTIONS IN EUROPE

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particularly opposed by military circles.

The *Express Poranny* declares that M. Molotov is strongly favoured by Moscow military circles, but that his appointment is bound to cause surprise in London.—*Trans-Ocean.*

New Post Suggested

Moscow, May 4.

No editorial comments on the fall of M. Litvinoff are to be found in to-day's papers here.

Official quarters manifest the utmost reserve and decline to comment on the event, hence it is so far impossible to find out whether Litvinoff will share the fate of the previously dismissed Soviet Commissars, or whether he will be appointed to some obscure post.

Diplomatic circles here are convinced that the fall of Litvinoff was not due either to reasons of home policy or to personal reasons. They believe that differences of opinion with M. Stalin on questions connected with the present European situation led to a brusque termination of Litvinoff's career. Since Litvinoff was present at the May 1 celebrations, it is surmised that the divergencies must have arisen between him and Stalin since that date.—*Trans-Ocean.*

GIBRALTAR, May 4.—The Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in Gibraltar has been appointed deputy Governor during the absence of General Ironside, who is paying a periodical visit to the military commander of French Morocco.—*Reuter.*

THE "TELEGRAPH" will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

IT'S THE SIT-BY-THE-FIRES WHO STAY MARRIED

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likes attract and marry is all wrong.

Measurements show that the tall man usually marries a tall woman with the same colour eyes, complexion, build, and so on.

And, of course, a man's range of prospective brides is limited to the circles he moves in.

All of which helps to ensure that most men get a wife very similar in every way to themselves.

One thing which makes for more divorces is that people are marrying later. People who marry before they are twenty-four have a slightly lower divorce rate than people who marry after.

Women especially have a better chance of making a successful marriage if they do it while they are young; they get a wider choice of husbands.

If a woman waits until thirty many of the eligible men in her circle will be married already. Maybe better never than late, in fact.

GOOD husbands and wives are usually quiet, unaggressive; their passions don't run high.

Bad ones are argumentative and restless at home. They are often ambitious, but they haven't got the mental stamina necessary to succeed.

They don't care what happens to other people providing the right things happen to them.

They're the sort of people who are only alive in public. They spend all the time they possibly can outside their homes.

They think of people who stay at home as people who have to stay at home because they aren't wanted anywhere else.

The idea of refusing an invitation from people they don't particularly like to do something which bores them simply doesn't cross their minds. They wouldn't think of refusing an invitation in order to stay at home and, say, listen to a concert on the radio.

And, looking at their homes, one doesn't blame them for trying to stay away.

Do you ever look round your home and loathe it? If you do it too often, beware.

Anthony Cotterell

Gablenz To Fly To-Manchoukuo

TOKYO, May 5.

BARON VON GABLENZ, director of the German Lufthansa Aircraft Company, who arrived at Tokyo in his Junkers JU-52 monoplane from Berlin on a goodwill flight yesterday, will hop off from the Haneda airport on May 11 on a flight to Manchoukuo.

Although his final schedule has not been determined yet, it is understood that the German flier and his crew will start on the return flight to Berlin via Korea and Fukuoka after staying in Manchoukuo for a few days.—*Domei.*

Genevieve Tobin and her director-husband, Mr. William Keighley, photographed in Hongkong this morning. — *King's Studio.*

Film Star, Director Husband In Colony

MISS GENEVIEVE TOBIN, the Hollywood film actress who is on a honeymoon tour of the Far East with her director-husband, Mr. William Keighley, arrived in Hongkong this morning by the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan.

Miss Tobin and Mr. Keighley are remaining in the Colony until to-morrow morning, when they will depart by plane for Saigon.

They checked in at the Hongkong Hotel shortly after 9 o'clock, and spent the balance of the morning looking over the Colony.

They will be guests at the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel at a tea dance this evening and at 8.15 p.m. to-night will broadcast from ZBW.

Miss Tobin Looked Cool

Dressed in a cool floral gown and with her light flaxen hair tucked beneath a broad-brimmed white hat, Miss Tobin submitted willingly to an interview by the "Hongkong Telegraph" representative when she and her director husband, Mr. William Keighley, arrived on the Empress of Japan this morning.

The wharf was particularly strongly guarded by police and a bigger crowd than usual was not permitted to pass, first, the wharf gates and, next, a barrier at the end of the pier.

The couple were interviewed together, but Mr. Keighley acted as spokesman. They have never been in the East before. Asked whether he thought the war was scaring Hollywood artists from voyaging to the East, Mr. Keighley said: "Perhaps so. I know that people said they thought we were mad when we decided to come."

South American Visits

When asked whether the scare was likely to stop the projected trip of Tyrone Power and Annabella, Miss Tobin exclaimed, "Oh, I don't think they can come. They're under contract."

"I don't know," said her husband. "They went to South America, you know."

Fascinated

He added that Hollywood's anxiety to secure the South American market was naturally leading to more frequent visits by stars to that continent. A couple of Fox players had gone there last year and, recently, Tyrone Power and Annabella. He thought their visits took the subtle form of informal trips rather than personal appearance tours.

Both said that they found the East, so far as they had yet been able to see it, fascinating. Mr. Keighley added, however, that some of the scenes in Shanghai distressed them; they were able to visualise how grievously the war must have changed the place.

Wendy Barry's Next Part

Miss Tobin had not met Wendy Barry, Hongkong's contribution to Hollywood's Who's Who. Mr. Keighley, however, met her a few days before they sailed. She was taking a test for Warner Bros' impending production of "Elizabeth, the Queen."

The couple had not decided when the "Telegraph" went to press whether to sail by the Tegelberg at 5 p.m. to-day or to fly by Air France plane to-morrow morning. Miss Tobin's natural preference is for the Tegelberg, for she is nervous about flying—anyway, her confidence seems limited to American planes, with which she naturally is most familiar.

"She's Married Now"

They have ahead of them a tour which takes in the East Indies, Angkor, and most Oriental stopping places. They are due back in Hollywood on July 20. Mr. Keighley will go right on handling a megaphone for Warner Bros; Miss Tobin, who is not at present under contract, has no definite intentions. She is not, however, likely to go back to the New York stage, having recently refused an invitation to play there. As Mr. Keighley remarked, "She is married now."

"O-ho, No!"

The Atlantic Clipper service will probably be operating when they reach England, but they won't use it. Miss Tobin's reply to the suggestion was, "O-ho no!"

Trans-Pacific Junk Adrift

Hummel Hummel Develops Trouble

KAGOSHIMA, May 4.

THE HUMMEL HUMMEL, a junk aboard which are an American captain and his wife and three Norwegian sailors, drifted with a damaged engine into Kataura, a fishing village in Kagosima Prefecture in southern Kyushu.

The junk left Shanghai on April 24 for San Francisco.

While sailing off Koshiki Island, the ship developed engine trouble and made port for repairs. Still possessing plenty of provisions the crew intends to continue its adventure on to San Francisco.—*Domei.*

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1889.

The ship canal to connect Manchester with Liverpool is being rapidly constructed, 10,000 men and a great number of steam excavators being engaged upon it. The canal will be 35 miles long, 26 feet deep, and 120 feet wide at the bottom.

25 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1914.

The German war levy is now expected to yield £60,000,000 sterling, which is 20 per cent. more than was anticipated. This is apparently due to the provision guaranteeing immunity for former irregularities to all sending inaccurate assessments in connection with the levy, which disclosed the existence of large sums which had hitherto escaped taxation.

10 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1929.

The high tension resulting from the May day disturbances is giving rise to anxiety, and the police are now applying the curfew, as during the war, to the Weddin and Neukoeln districts of Berlin.

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Mr. T. A. Ellis, second officer, Suiyang, is on reserve, Mr. F. S. Barrow, from reserve, has gone second officer, Suiyang.

Mr. G. Forster, second engineer, Ninghai, is on reserve. Mr. F. Curry, from reserve, has gone second officer Ninghai.

Mr. A. T. McLellan, from shore employment, has gone extra third engineer officer, Hsin Peking. Mr. H. S. Luscombe, extra third engineer officer, Hsin Peking, has gone third engineer officer, Sunning. Mr. D. Watson, third engineer officer, Sunning, is on reserve.

Mr. J. R. Greig, chief engineer officer, Chinkiang, has gone extra chief engineer officer, Hsin Peking. Mr. R. H. Pock, chief engineer officer, Kiukiang, has gone chief engineer officer, Chinkiang. Mr. W. P. Barclay, chief engineer officer, Shengking, has gone chief engineer officer, Kiukiang. Mr. J. McArthur, chief engineer officer, Taming, has gone chief engineer officer, Shengking.

5 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1934.

Below is given the draw for the bridge tournament being held under the patronage of the Hon. Mr. R. E. Lindsell:

Table No. 1.—Messrs. A. D. Azavedo and A. H. Carroll v. Maj. Duclos and Mrs. Muzzall.

Table No. 2.—Com. H. Legge and Capt. T. Riggs v. Messrs. P. N. da Silva and H. Barros.

Table No. 3.—Messrs. Danenberg and L. A. Ozorio v. Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Valentine.

Table No. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ki v. Mrs. E. Warren and Mrs. M. A. Johnson.

Table No. 5.—Mrs. Keary and Mrs. Withington v. Col. Fordham and Dr. Smalley.

Table No. 6.—Mrs. H. Odell and Mrs. G. Forbes v. Mrs. F. S. Coote and Mr. H. F. Phillips.

The winning pairs of tables 1 to 5 will be required to play on Tuesday 8th instant, at 5.30 p.m.

Democracies Buy U.S. Goods

French Army Mission In Washington

WASHINGTON, May 3.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT has announced that a French Army Mission is visiting Washington "with a view to the possible purchase of munitions".

The Mission includes Major General Andre Gavard, Inspector General of Ordnance and Major Salmon, a metallurgical expert.—*United Press.*

British Barter

London, May 4.

After the Prime Minister had announced in the House of Commons to-day that negotiations had been opened with the United States for the exchange of certain raw materials required as strategic reserves, Mr. G. M. Garro-Jones (Lab) asked whether the arrangement would involve the purchase of large quantities of raw materials for private ownership in Britain.

He also asked whether the Prime Minister was aware that the raw materials which the United States Government proposed to exchange, were already in their hands, and therefore would not involve purchases from people who knew the purchases were about to be made, as purchases of tin and rubber would involve in this country.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the Government was quite aware of all that.

Mr. Garro-Jones then asked if negotiations had yet been opened with the owners of tin and rubber supplies in this country and had the prices been arranged at which the Government would take over the surplus stock.

Mr. Chamberlain replied in the negative.—*Reuter.*

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12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Selections from Puccini's Operas.

"La Boheme"—Musetta's Waltz Song...Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra;—Your Tiny Hand Is Frozen....Michael Bartlett (Tenor) with Orchestra. (Sung in Italian); "Tosca" —Selection....Marek Weber and His Orchestra; "Turandot"—Weep Not, Liu!—Nobody Shall Sleep....Alessandro Valente (Tenor) with Orchestra. (Sung in Italian); "Madam Butterfly"—Child From Whose Eyes;—See I Have Caught You....Sheridan (Soprano) and Pertile (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Tchaikovsky—Aurora's Wedding—Ballet Music.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Efrem Kurtz.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Murgatroyd and Winterbottom, Mary Ellis, The Aaron Sisters, and Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

Fold Your Wings ('Glamorous Night'—Novello)....Mary Ellis and Trefor Jones (Vocal Duet) accomp. by the Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; T'Aint No Use (Lane); Wah-Hoo! (Friend)...Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra; Art (Frankau-Handley-Crick); About Cruises (Frankau-Handley-Crick) .....Murgatroyd and Winterbottom (Two minds with not a single thought) with Monte Crick at the Piano; Is It True What They Say About Dixie (Lerner, Marks); Robins and Roses (Burke)....Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra; How'm I Doin'? (Fowler and Redman); The St. Louis Blues (Handy)....Aaron Sisters.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Kinda lonesome; (b) Black Eyes; (c) Two sleepy people; (d) Sensation.

6.14 Record: Baby, Whatcha Gonna Do To-night (film 'Good Morning Boys'); Head Over Heels In Love (film 'Head over Heels')....Lilli Palmer (Vocal) with Orchestra.

6.21 (a) Blue Venetian Waters; (b) Jungle Drums; (c) Wanna; (d) Calentito.

6.35 Records: "The Great Ziegfeld" —Fox-Trot Medley.....The Keyboarders (Two Pianos and Drums); It Sends Me (Hawkins)....Coleman Hawkins (Saxophone) with 'Buck' Washington at the Piano.

6.44 (a) At your beck and call; (b) Could be; (c) I hadn't anyone until you (d) Christopher Columbus.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 **'Cello Solos by Beatrice Harrison.**

Caprice (Delius); Elegie (Delius)....with Orchestra; Adagio (Marcello, arr. Salmon); Pastorale; Reel (Cyril Scott)....with Piano accompaniment by Margaret Harrison.

7.15 Strauss—Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme, Suite Op. 60.

Walther Straram Orchestra (of Paris).

7.47 Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

Morgen, Op. 27, No. 4 (Strauss); Standchen, Op. 17, No. 2 (Strauss)....with Violin Obbligato by Isoldo Menges and Orchestra; Be Praised, Thou Peaceful Night ('The Vagabond'—Zichrer)....with Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Quentin Maclean at the Organ.

Edward German Selection; With Eric Coates Thro' London (Knightsbridge to London Bridge).

8.15 Studio—Interview with Miss Genevieve Tobin and Mr. William Keighley.

8.30 Studio—Concert by The Harmony Three and Hal Lorenzo.

9.00 J. H. Squire Celesie Octet.

My Sweetheart When A Boy (Morgan-arr. Willoughby); Silver Threads Among The Gold (Danks-arr. Willoughby); A Venetian Barcarolle—Serenade (arr. Willoughby)....with Vocal Quartette.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—'More Food for Thought'.

Short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 Next week's programme.

9.55 Military Band Music.

Coronation Processional Music (Selected from the Music in the Royal Procession, Coronation Day, May 12th, 1937)....Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Major George Miller.

10.00 London Relay—'Scrapbook For 1929'.

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11.00 Close Down.

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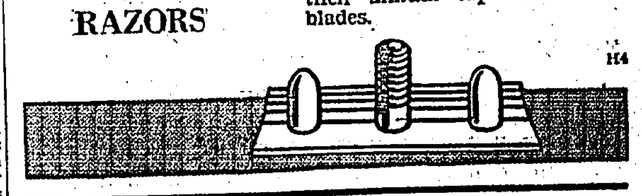

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Brain-wave!

ON TUESDAY Britain deported six Germans as undesirable. Germany counters yesterday by deporting six Britons. Belgium joins in by deporting a German.

We see great possibilities if this is kept up.

Britain should retaliate now for yesterday's deportations by deporting some more Germans. Then Germany will retaliate again.

If only all the nations will join in this merry little game, we'll be able to settle Europe's minority problem. Let's deport all the Germans back to Germany, and the Germans can deport all their aliens back to their own countries and everyone will be happy.

It's what Hitler wants, isn't it?

105th Time

IT IS an anti-climax to read that the League Council is assembling for its 105th session on May 15.

China is the big subject on the agenda, but what on earth will the League do except once more to deplore the hostilities. Even "gestures" are beyond Geneva now.

The one useful offshoot of the meeting will be to allow Lord Halifax, who is representing Britain, and the other delegates to get together and thrash out this problem of a united front against aggression, which is taking so long in coming to fruition.

It is highly improbable that the Council meeting will last more than a few hours and it is highly probable that it may be the last meeting of the League.

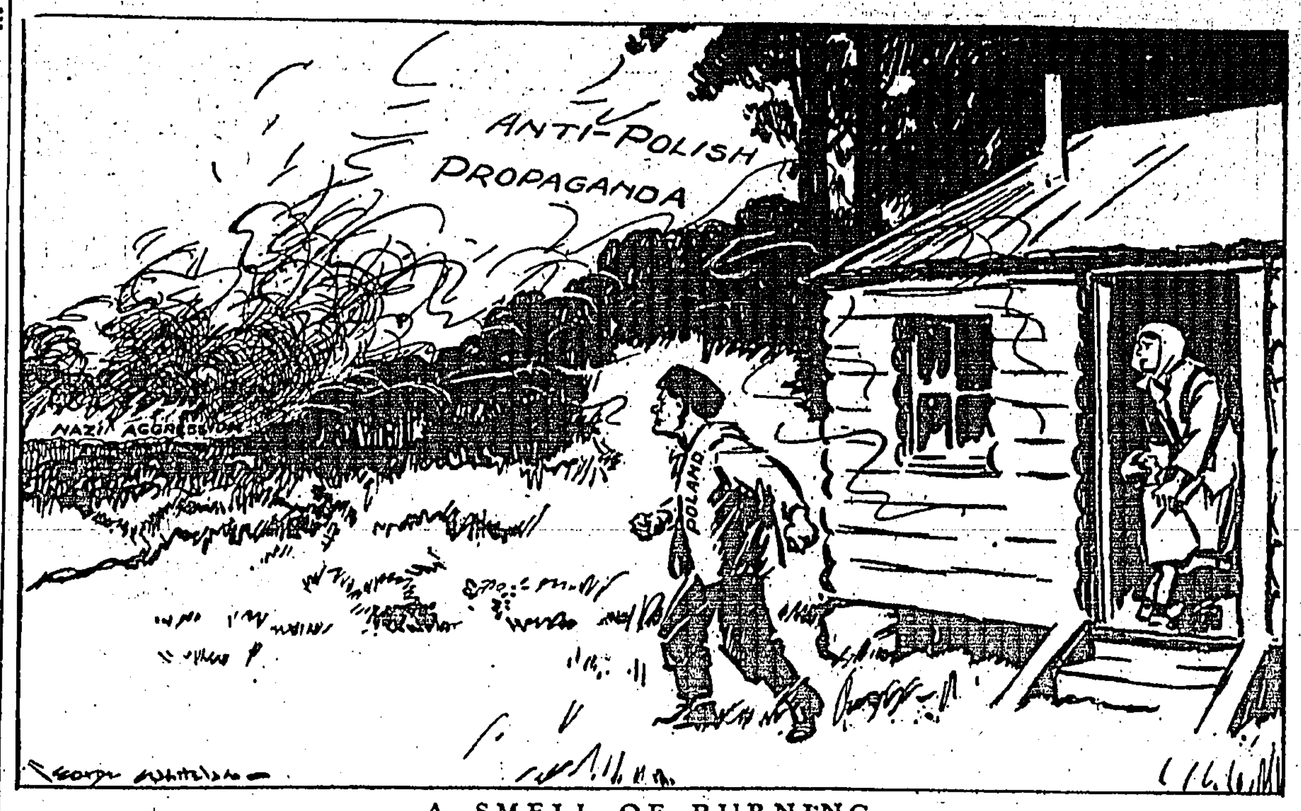
China Station

THE DEPARTURE from Hongkong during the week-end of H.M.S. Cardiff, en route to England for refit and recommission, and the impending arrival of H.M.S. Edinburgh is more significant than might appear at first sight.

It is all part of the steady building up of Britain's naval strength in the Far East. The 10,000-ton cruiser is already on route to Hongkong with 8-inch guns and the Edinburgh carries twelve 6-inch guns, as compared with the five of the Cardiff, and is considerably faster.

The China Squadron has never regained the strength of pre-war days, when Hongkong saw battleships in its harbour. Britain has not had the ships to spare because of the Washington limitation.

The East Indies and China Squadrons are gradually taking shape. In emergency they would join together to form a fairly powerful homogeneous squadron.



A SMELL OF BURNING.

It's The Sit-By-The-Fires Who Stay Married

IF Britain's divorce rates go on increasing the way they have been for the past sixty years, then by 2086 the majority of marriages will end in divorce.

Sounds unlikely, doesn't it? But no one knows any good reason why things shouldn't develop that way.

You can learn a lot about how to run a marriage from studying how and why people fail. And it may sharpen your thirst for knowledge to know that divorced people die young. (Their death-rate is as high as that of widowed people, though they are much younger.)

The chances of your getting divorced depend on the way you live, and the way you live is largely determined by your job.

Analyse the jobs of the men who get divorced in any one year, and you'll get a table like this:—

	Per cent.
Services	22
Artistic professions	18
Leisured classes	16
Commercial travellers	
"Poor persons" (not classified under other headings)	12
Business people	10
Lawyers	3
Doctors	2
Unclassified	2
Clergymen	1

More interesting than most tables, isn't it? Well, so it ought to be. It may hit you in the heart.

ALL the same, for most people it's still something to read about in the papers, like hunting, shooting, and the classier kinds of fishing.

They are still rather proud of knowing a divorcee; in the same way that it gives most young men a kick to know an actress, however depressingly virtuous she may be.

If you live in London the chances of knowing either are about the same. Eight thousand of Britain's 35,000 divorcees (about 21,000 women, 14,000 men) live there, and about the same number of actresses.

HOW TO BE HAPPY EVEN AFTER . . . .

The reason for this little snobbery is that on the whole you find a more glamorous and adventurous crowd of people in the divorce courts than you do entered for the Dunmow Flitch. It may be praiseworthy to keep the aspidistra flying, but nobody cares.

THE table at the beginning of this article shouts aloud that the secret of successful marriage is to learn how to stay at home.

We are losing that art, as they are in the United States, where the sewing machine trade has been on the down for years.

You find that people who spend their lives working among divorcees are inclined to attribute the rising figures to all sorts of sinister causes, such as immorality, crime, insanity, sexual maladjustment.

But 50 per cent. of the people who come to the divorce courts have been married more than ten years (though the fifth year is the most dangerous). And surely any big mental abnormality or physical incompatibility should appear before that.

No, the reason for most divorces is lack of a proper home and children.

Forty-two per cent. of divorced marriages are childless, 33 per cent. have only one child.

And if you look at that table again you'll see that the men whose work comes under the top four headings don't stay home much for one reason or another.

Men in the services are always being sent somewhere else, which means being separated a lot from their wives, and absence makes the heart wander.

Secondly, they have plenty of leisure.

Then there's the cost of high living which they have to go in for without having enough money to pay for it.

The artistic professions, second on the list, also have their share of money troubles.

But what lands them in the cart more than anything, apart from having bad homes and no children, is self-centredness. So many of them think they are entitled to consider their own feelings and requirements to the exclusion of every one else's.

DOES it surprise you that the services come top? Most people expect the leisured classes to win.

And, of course, if the leisured classes took every emotional deviation into the courts they would come out right in front. But they don't take infidelity to heart so.

You may say that the leisured classes' high position on the table rather breaks down the home-is-the-secret-of-successful-marriage theory. They certainly have good homes.

But home doesn't mean a thing to the sort of rich people who land in the divorce courts. Other people's money and brains furnish it and run it for them. It's a toy, not a home.

It's not much more to them than the room which a commercial traveller hires for the night.

Plenty of clergymen, doctors, and lawyers would like to get divorced, but it would ruin them, so they carry on just as they are; not married, simply not divorced.

I was talking about this the other day with old Mrs. Tiedeman, who runs the Divorce Law Reform Union from a dingy basement office in Chancery-lane, and she says that a tremendous lot of civil servants want to get divorced, but don't, for the same reasons.

Well, of course, everybody wants to get divorced at some time, but if you've got a home and children it's not so easy.

ARE you saying, What about the woman? What's the use of explaining away divorce in terms of men's jobs, and so ignoring 50 per cent. of the parties?

But it's all right. For that old and popular idea that un-

PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"The things we have will fill out this room nicely, except for that corner and I think Grandpa will just fit in there."

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

JAPAN WILL NOT JOIN AXIS AGAINST THE DEMOCRACIES

Likely Weakening Of Anti-Comintern Pact

Tokyo, May 4.

It is learned from Government sources that the Premier, Baron Hiranuma, has obtained Imperial sanction to strictly limit the Japan-Germany-Italy military alliance against Soviet aggression.

This constitutes a refusal to join the European dictatorships against the democracies' line-up, and far-reaching repercussions are expected.

The possibilities are:

That Germany and Italy might refuse to accept an agreement naming the Soviet exclusively;

The weakening of the whole anti-Comintern agreement, since Japan would be unwilling to participate against the democracies and Italy is not interested in Soviet problems;

It might replace the present Japanese-German anti-Comintern relations with active antagonisms which have been long brewing under the surface.

Japanese leaders, canvassed as to those possibilities, decided that they were willing to risk particularly in the event of weakening their German connections, that it would improve Japanese relations with Britain, France and the United States.

The multitudinous discussions are strengthening Japan's determination to confine the alliance to Soviet affairs, eliminating the possibility that Germany might draw Japan against Britain and France.

Ambassador Active

Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Tokyo, is very active, presumably in connection with the Anglo-Soviet negotiations, upon which he assured Mr. Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, that Britain refuses to make any Far Eastern guarantees.

It is learned that Sir Robert Craigie secretly conferred with Mr. Arita at the Tokyo Kaikan Restaurant in order to avoid reporters and at the official's residence. He also conferred secretly with the Minister to the Imperial Household, Mr. Tsuneo Matsudaira.

Sir Robert Craigie's activities are a possible forerunner of British good offices in a China settlement.

During the lengthy dealings of the Rome-Tokyo negotiations towards an alliance, it is understood that Berlin threatened to deal with the Soviet unless Japan consented to broaden the anti-democracies alliance.

Resentment Aroused

Alleged German efforts to dictate Japanese policy aroused the resentment, the Cabinet maintaining that Japan is independent and capable of determining her own destiny. To ease developments Mr. Shiratori expressed a desire to resign, since he participated in the original anti-Comintern evolvement in 1936. The resignation might be accepted.

It is indicated that Japan is expecting a definite answer soon from Berlin and Rome whether they are willing to have the alliance against the Soviet exclusively, after which some announcement is likely to be made.

Some factions of the Army still favour a broad anti-democracies alliance, and even agitate a Cabinet overthrow on that issue. The Navy favours avoidance of European entanglement.—*United Press.*

Ambassadors Told

Tokyo, May 4.

Mr. Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, invited the Italian Ambassador, Signor Auriti, and the German Ambassador, Dr. Ott, to the Foreign Office separately.

It is understood from reliable information that Mr. Arita informed the Ambassadors that Japan will follow the policy outlined.—*United Press.*

Conferences in Tokyo

Tokyo, May 4.

The Foreign Minister, Hachiro Arita, this afternoon received at the Foreign Office the Italian Ambassador, Signor Giacinto Auriti, and the German Ambassador, Herr Eugen Ott, separately and exchanged information regarding the developments in the European situation.

Baron Kumao Harada, private secretary of Prince Kimmochi Saionji, only surviving Genro, this morning called on the Prince at the latter's villa at Okitsu in Shizuoka Prefecture. It is reported that Baron Harada reported to the elder statesman on the European situation.—*Domei.*

BRITISH REACTION

London, May 4.

After reviewing the varied implications of M. Litvinov's removal and the events now taking place behind the scenes in Japan, the *Evening Standard* in an editorial comments on the reasonable attitude being observed by Japan, stating that it must make its mark on Russian opinion.

The once threatening pressure on the Soviet's eastern border, the paper states, is relaxed just at a moment that in the west it is deepening. The rift between the Poles and the Germans and the guarantee to Poland by France and Britain sets up a buffer between Germany and Russia.

While recognising the immense difficulties in the way of such a conclusion, the *Evening Standard* observes, "We may yet see the lion and the lamb lying down together."

"Meanwhile the refusal of Japan to transform the anti-Comintern Pact into an alliance makes it difficult for the dictator Powers in Europe to contemplate the final test of war in any near or foreseeable future."—*Reuter.*

Haiphong To Become Free Port?

Hanoi, May 4.

In response to repeated petitions of the Chinese, the French Indo-China authorities are considering the possibility of making Haiphong a free port. It is pointed out that since the end of last year the Chinese have been continuing the movement to open Haiphong and enliven the transit of goods to China through French Indo-China.

The question was first raised 40 years ago and in April, 1901, the Haiphong Chamber of Commerce submitted a report to the Overseas Trade Council in France stressing the advisability of opening the Indo-China port. On April 24, this year, the Haiphong Chamber of Commerce again agreed on the plan.

It is understood that the Governor of French Indo-China will negotiate with his home Government in response to the suggestions.—*Domei.*

ANNAM REFUGEE ZONE

Hanoi, May 4.

In an effort to prevent clashes between Annamese and Chinese, the French Indo-China authorities are contemplating the advisability of establishing special zones to accommodate Chinese refugees.

In the event of the plan materialising, all important districts in French Indo-China will be provided with concentration camps for Chinese refugees.—*Domei.*

INDO-CHINA EMBARGO

Hanoi, May 4.

Local merchants engaged in the export of iron ores to Japan, including the Indo-China Industrial Company affiliated with Japanese interests, are seriously threatened with the prolonged embargo on shipment of iron ores from the colony.

The ban on ores shipment was completed when the Governor of French Indo-China was ordered by his home Government to suspend the system of licensing. The Indo-China Industrial Company which has been planning to export 20,000 tons of iron ores per month, this year, is anticipated even to suspend business totally.

The Hokko Maru, 5,000-ton freighter, after waiting eight days, left Haiphong on April 24 without shipping any cargo.—*Domei.*

Japan And New Naval Building Race

Tokyo, May 4.

Replenishment of armaments by Western Powers in the Far East demonstrates increasing political pressure directed against Japan in connection with the latter's efforts for construction of a new order in East Asia, declares a pamphlet issued by the Publicity Bureau of the Navy Ministry entitled "Thirty-Fourth Navy Day."

Reviewing the naval building race now in full swing among the Naval Powers, the booklet says that 15 battleships are now under construction in Great Britain, the United States, France, Italy and Germany with another six planned by Great Britain and the United States.

Describing the fortifications of the Pacific Ocean by Great Britain and the United States, the pamphlet calls attention to Wake, Midway, and Johnston Islands, Alaska, Aleutian Islands, Singapore and Port Darwin.

The pamphlet says that the Soviet Navy is anxious to open a waterway through the Arctic to the Far East, concentrating 60 submarines at Vladivostok and other bases in the Far East. The pamphlet understands that 1,500 Soviet planes are standing by.

It declares that the Japanese Navy will leave nothing to be desired in building up a powerful fleet to meet Japan's special requirements in the face of the current international situation.

Emphasising the vital importance of maintaining command of sea, the pamphlet states that in case Japan's naval strength weakens, foreign intervention is sure to follow in the proposed construction of a new order in East Asia.—*Domei.*

MR. H. ARITA

More Nazis To Be Expelled

London, May 4.

Following the expulsion of nine Nazi Party officials from Britain it is understood that a longer list, very likely totalling as much as 30, is now being drafted and may be announced within a few days.

The list is understood to include three prominent German journalists.

Others will be the leaders of the three main Nazi organisations. Official quarters here are desirous of emphasising that if German journalists are asked to leave it will not be because of the tone of their dispatches but because of their political activity.—*United Press.*

Britain

No Deflation Policy Is Promised

London, May 4.

The assurance that the Government is not pursuing and does not intend to pursue any kind of policy of deflation was given by Sir John Simon, Chancellor of The Exchequer, in the House of Commons this afternoon, when the Conservative member for Evesham, Mr. R. de la Bere, asked whether during the past two months there had been a policy bordering on deflation, and did not the Bank of England, the Treasury and the Midland Bank seem to take very different view points.

Sir John Simon replied that inflation, deflation and all the rest of it were very difficult words. He believed that the Government was pursuing the right policy.

Mr. W. Craven-Ellis, Conservative for Southampton, asked if Sir John Simon was satisfied that the Bank of England's inflationary policy was likely to assist him in maintaining cheap money rates.

Sir John Simon agreed that a policy of cheap money rates on the whole was of great advantage.—*Reuter.*

Returns From Trek

London, May 4.

After a 15,000 miles journey by train, sea, air, on horse-back and on foot, to investigate the possibilities of settling refugees in British Guiana, Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones and Sir Geoffrey Evans have returned to England.

They represented the British Government on a Commission suggested by President Roosevelt which was sent to British Guiana to inquire into the suitability of an area of 44,000 square miles on the Bolivian border for a refugee settlement.

The land is virgin forest and savannah country a prairie where the main industry is cattle raising. The mountains are deserted. A unanimous report has been presented to the President of the Commission at New York and forwarded to the British Colonial Secretary for consideration by Lord Hailey's Commission.—*British Wireless.*

EXTORTION ALLEGED

Police Interpreter Has Another Remand

Un Shiuk, 23, police interpreter, appeared before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, charged with extortion and demanding money with menaces from Lau Hai-wuk, foreman, at the Hip On Club, Hunghom, on April 23.

Un, who is alleged to have extorted $110 and demanded $120 from Lau, was remanded for a week.

The case will be for committal.

Constitution Day

Warsaw, May 3.

With a million troops massed on the German frontier, Poland, to-day celebrated her Constitution Day with elaborate parades and manifestations of national unity.

Crowds along the parade route shouted "Long Live Poland! Down With Aggressors!"

Festivities in the Corridor were especially tense.—*United Press.*

More Bomb Outrages In England

London, May 3.

Further bomb outrages believed to be connected with the Irish Republican Army, occurred during the night, damaging property in Holborn (London), Birmingham and Coventry. Tear gas bombs exploded in two Liverpool cinemas and caused 15 persons to be taken to hospital, but there were no casualties in any of the incidents.—*Reuter.*

Two Sent to Hospital

London, May 4.

Two men were sent to hospital after an explosion in Charing Cross Road at 9.20 a.m. to-day. The explosion is attributed to a bomb.

This place is in the heart of the West End, adjoining Trafalgar Square and the National Gallery.—*United Press.*

London Explosions

London, May 4.

Two explosions occurred outside shop windows in London this morning.

At Birmingham last night an explosion occurred in a private house. An Irishman, his wife and two daughters were arrested for questioning.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Tear Gas Used

London, May 4.

A series of new bomb outrages was reported late last night from Liverpool and Birmingham.

At Birmingham the police made one arrest and confiscated considerable quantities of explosives. The arrested man is alleged to be a member of the Irish extremist organisation.

At Liverpool tear gas bombs were thrown in the auditorium of two cinemas, creating a panic and necessitating the taking of 15 persons to hospitals.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Modification Of Conscript Bill Sought

London, May 4.

The British Labour Party last night announced its intention to table a new motion amending the British military conscription bill. The motion states that the recruiting of volunteers is quite sufficient for national defence and that the British Government is pursuing an irresponsible foreign policy and that rearmament was handled inefficiently.

The motion has been signed by the Labour Party leader, Mr. C. R. Attlee, his deputy, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, and by Mr. H. P. Lees-Smith. The latter will submit the motion to-day in the House of Commons.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Issues Statement

Belfast, May 4.

The Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Labour Party has issued a statement protesting against conscription and also repudiating Lord Craigavon's speaking for working men in Northern Ireland when he advocated conscription.—*United Press.*

Irish Labour Protests

Belfast, May 4.

The executive committee of the North-Irish Labour Party last night published a resolution protesting against the extending of the British military conscription bill to North Ireland.—*Trans-Ocean.*

BARTER PLAN

U.S. And Britain Agreement

London, May 4.

In the House of Commons the Prime Minister announced that negotiations have been opened with the United States for an exchange of certain raw materials required as strategic reserves in both countries.

The initiative in this matter came from the United States and the Government is fully alive to the importance of the suggestion.

While fully sharing the United States Government's objections to attempts to substitute barter for ordinary international trade, the Government agreed that in special circumstances at the present time an exchange of materials which would not enter into normal commerce was not open to the same objections, provided world prices were not increased.—*Reuter.*

Resignation Of M. Litvinoff

STARTLED REACTIONS IN EUROPE

London, May 4.

The Soviet Foreign Minister's resignation has come as a surprise to diplomats here whose first reaction was that it may represent a victory for the Soviet isolationists who are opposed to M. Litvinoff's policy of co-operation with the western powers.

Soviet sources here have been predicting during the past few days that the Soviets would break off negotiations with Britain and France if they failed to accept the Soviet offer of an ironclad mutual assistance pact. It is thought, therefore, that the isolationists, who are believed to include military chiefs, feel that it is useless to seek Franco-British aid in halting aggression in Europe and that the Soviets should withdraw behind their own frontier from whence they could repel any direct attack on the Soviet Union.—*United Press.*

CONSIDERED SET-BACK

London, May 4.

Although little information is available, British political circles seem to share the opinion that his withdrawal from the political arena must be regarded as a setback for Britain.

Although the *News Chronicle* reports that M. Molotov will continue the negotiations with Britain, it is generally assumed that Russia will now attempt to withdraw entirely from European politics and that she may seek to obtain confirmation of mutual neutrality (included in the Berlin agreement).

Regarding the differences of opinion which are said to have resulted in M. Litvinoff's resignation, it is pointed out in British political circles that the British Government definitely refused to extend a British guarantee to the Far East. The belief is expressed that any agreement between the Western Powers and Russia regarding the Far East would merely result in forcing Japan into military commitments to the anti-Comintern Powers.— *Trans-Ocean.*

JAPAN KNEW

London, May 4.

The Japanese Naval Attache, Captain Yano, some time ago mentioned two reports regarding M. Litvinoff. The first, which came true, was his impending resignation.

When questioned, M. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to London, at first seemed to be taken aback, then he quickly pooh-pooed the idea.

To-day it appears that the Japanese Intelligence Service "had something" and the second Japanese report acquires an interest that it would otherwise not possess.

It was that Moscow was considering the appointment of M. Litvinoff as Ambassador to Washington.

Last week when the Secretary to the Japanese Embassy to Moscow, M. Ota, arrived in London, he told correspondents that he had information which was considered too confidential to send over the wires, even in Japanese code.—*United Press.*

FRENCH PRESS VIEW

Paris, May 4.

The French press is at a loss to explain the sudden resignation of the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Litvinoff, the *Matin* and the *Figaro* both inquiring whether the action was not due to the slowness with which the negotiations with the Western States were progressing.

Le Jour declares that the first news of this step was not exactly cheerful and indicates that the Soviet Union has signified in this manner its intention to withdraw from European politics into the isolation guaranteed by its vast expanse of territory, retaining as its only connecting links with Western Europe the Franco-Soviet and the German-Soviet agreement.

The paper recalls that M. Molotov has always been a violent opponent of any co-operation between the Soviet Union and the capitalist countries.—*Trans-Ocean.*

RESIGNATION DOUBTS

Berlin, May 4.

The morning papers as the sensation of the day publish in large headlines the resignation of M. Litvinoff. In the comments he is referred to as "one of the least successful Foreign Ministers but his methods as agent were extremely clever".

The assertion in the official Soviet *communique* that M. Litvinoff resigned at his own wish is regarded with considerable doubt by the German press.—*Trans-Ocean.*

POLISH COMMENT

Warsaw, May 4.

The complete collapse of the Genoyu policy is attributed by the Warsaw press this morning as the reason for Mr. Litvinoff's sudden resignation as Soviet Foreign Commissar. The semi-official *Gazeta Polska* states that the resignation was preceded by violent differences of opinion in leading political circles, Litvinoff having been widely criticised as not the proper man for conducting negotiations with Britain. His standpoint is said to have been

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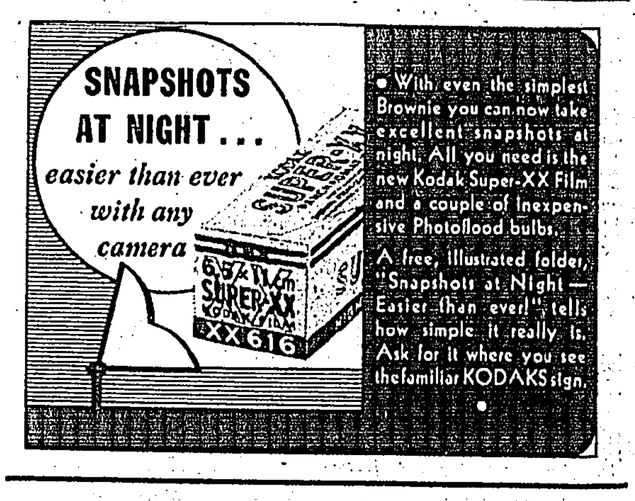

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STRATHROY RETURNS TO LOCAL TURF TO-MORROW

WEIGHING OUT FOR BRISBANE SPRING H'CAP

Good Entries Received For Fourth Extra

(By "Captain Foster")

Very good entries have been received for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held to-morrow at Happy Valley. Nominations total 48 for the Taimoshan Handicap for China ponies "D" class, which is to be divided into two sections at the discretion of the handicapper. A programme of nine interesting events will be presented to the racing public, the major portion of the contests being distance runs and the first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

After a sojourn of four months in Fanling, Strathroy, the ex-champion belonging to Mr. J. F. Macgregor, will weigh out with Mr. D. Black up for the Brisbane Spring Handicap for Australian ponies of any season over 1¼ miles. In some quarters, Pinfarthings (owned by Major J. M. Smith) is considered to have a rosy chance in the Mount Davis Handicap (first section) for "C" class China raters over a course from the two mile post, once round and in. Encouraged by the success of the latter, the Kwanti racing folks have nominated Clowner (1937 Subgriffin) owned by the stable Levis, and Jack O'Lantern (1933 Subgriffin) the property of A. H. P. for the Taimoshan Handicap. In addition there is Scarlett O'Hara, a discarded Australian pony belonging to Mr. M. F. L. Haymes which has been entered for the Charters Towers Handicap and it looks that we have to keep a sharp look-out on all these country candidates.

There is no promise by the weather expert that we are going to have a sunny afternoon and in the circumstance we may look forward to some general upsets.

Hectic View To Shoulder Top Weight

The opening event will be the Mount Gough Handicap for China ponies, bona fide griffins of this season, that have not won more than $1,250 in stakes and the jaunt is over the champion course. After two successful outings Hectic View has been set to shoulder the top weight, but there is good reason to believe that the course of 1¼ miles is too long for Mr. Lan's stallion. I much prefer his other candidate, Peaceful View, who ran a good race behind the winner (Lillibet) in the Griffins Spring Handicap at the Annual Carnival. The third pony was English Cavalier. The latter has not appeared in public after this run and it seems to me that English Cavalier will be Mr. Poy's mount, Mr. Encarnacao riding Rose Emily. Of the two from Mr. Eu Tong-sen's stable, Rose Emily is no doubt a better pony and the mare is my fancy. Forgotten Star is not a bad outsider, but cannot say whether the sloppy course is to his liking. Galveston Bay is at the bottom of the ladder with only 140 lbs. to carry and, should the going be firm, I would recommend $5 each way on this moke.

Makes Debut In "C" Class

What is the matter with Soldier of Britain? If memory recalls, this China pony was a hot favourite for the 1934 Blue Riband but he finished among the "also rans" owing to a soft going. He has, however, a few classic events to his credit. Soldier of Britain will make his debut to-morrow among the "C" company and he holds the post of honour in the Mount Davis Handicap (first section), a run from the two mile post, once round and in. He has certainly lost a lot of his dash and energy and furthermore the old soldier is not a good mudder. I like to see him win to-morrow. The champion pony, Marksman, is only 3 lbs. behind, but the sub-griffin is on the same level with Rose Jane, both having been allotted 105 lbs.

It has been whispered that Marksman will not accept, but I doubt the rumour, for the pony was out doing his stuff during the early mornings. Should they meet, it will not surprise me to see Marksman turning the tables on Rose Jane. Celtic Star, King Kong and Scenic View are dangerous to upset the applecart. At the last meeting Pinfarthings win a sprint in a lower division, but to-morrow he will be in the first section and he has to meet several first class runners. As he has been allotted weight for inches, some of the early risers believe that he has been let in and I am sure he was not the first animal to be so fortunate.

STRATHROY WEIGHING OUT HERE

Strathroy, by Pacolet, was one of the finest Australian racers that ever visited our shore and like everything else the pony cannot go on for ever. The last public appearance was in the Queensland Autumn Champions when he finished in the ruck and his previous couple of outings were just as bad. It was after the last performance that the connections decided to send Strathroy to Fanling and the entry of this great warrior for the Brisbane Spring Handicap over the champion course will, no doubt, give a certain amount of interest to the pari-mutuel department.

Last Saturday morning Strathroy, with his old pilot Mr. Black, was given a sharp spin over the mile course and he took 1.57⅘ to cover the circuit, romping home in 27⅘ seconds for the last stanza. Mr. J. F. Macgregor's candidate stood out quite well in a mile test and the legs were in perfect order after the gallop. There is, however, one consolation that Strathroy will not weigh out to-morrow with the usual limit of 105 lbs. as the weight adjuster has taken a lenient view and the brown progeny of Pacolet has been asked to carry only 155 lbs. He has not been racing since December. It will be seen from the list of handicaps that the ex-champion has a pull of the poundage against such stalwarts as Lancashire Chips, Lucky Lad and Snowy River and I am sure that we shall see a good race. The contest is over a long journey of 12 miles and the form shows that Lucky Lad has proved beyond doubt that he is a hard nut to crack over a distance. The Rooty-Hill Derby winner, Triumphant Day, is well in on the handicap and he is worth an investment of $5 each way.

Good Chance For Rose-Queen

If Rose-Queen does not win the Mount Davis Handicap (second section) to-morrow, it would be advisable for the mare to join up the Fanling force and I am sure the environment there will do her a world of good. Rose-Queen was twice second in her last two outings and she has a good chance of making amends. Bright View is a good mudder with only 147 lbs. to shoulder, but be careful with Bistre should the going be nice. I have not seen much of Tyne, who is a newcomer in this section, but I am afraid that the weight may hinder his chance. Annas Bay and Lady Love are not yet ready and The Tigress is attempting to win out of her class. Soldier of China has lost all his sense of racing.

Big Field Expected To Accept

There is reason to expect a good field of "B" class Australian ponies in the Charters Towers Handicap over a trip from the two mile post, once round and in. The ban of winners of 1,250 or more in stakes since January has precluded the entry of a few good 'uns such as Chiltern, Cockerel, Devonian, Snowy River, Triumphant Day and Vixen Tor and we should therefore see a fine race. Blandford is at the head of the assignment and there is no doubt that the distance is to his liking. While it appeals to me as a "dead cert" I cannot recommend anyone to have his shirt on Blandford owing to the presence of King's Privilege, who will undoubtedly offer a strong challenge for the first position in the frame. When they clashed in the Bendigo Stakes over a mile at the annual meeting, the winner (Blandford) was almost on the same level with King's Privilege, who finished, I think, in the middle of the last row, whereas to-morrow Dynasty's representative has a pull of over a stone against Mr. Eu Tong-sen's candidate. At subsequent meetings Blandford was officially fourth in the Melbourne Cup and the Australian Ponies Champions and I suppose that accounts for the difference of weights.

Criffel from the John Peel's stable is certainly well keyed for the run, but I am inclined to believe that the mare prefers a sprint to an endurance contest. There is something in the air that Centre Court has a sporting chance of registering her first success of the season and I would like to include Aztec's prospect. At this time last year, Aztec carrying 153 lbs. was second in the Charters Towers Handicap, but the run was then over the mile and the additional 171 yards for to-morrow will not make much difference to the pony. It is a good outsider.

FIRST LEG OF DAILY DOUBLE

The first leg of the daily double is on the "Hunchbacks" Plate confined to China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, that have not won $500 or more in stakes and being a sprint over six furlongs, it has drawn no less than 30 entries. We have certainly a fine list from which to find the first leg of the combination, but there is a dearth in quality. A red pencil can be drawn against the chances of about 90% of the entries and of the remainder, the winner will be found among Green Bay, Pall Mall, Sea Horse and Some Hope. The last named has been knocking at the door; in fact Some Hope was very unlucky to succumb to National Service in the Kongmun Stakes at the last meeting. My choice is Some Hope, Sea Horse and Green Bay.

22 Ponies Assigned To First Section

Out of the 48 China ponies in the "D" class entered for the Taimoshan Handicap over a mile, the handicapper has assigned 22 racers to the first section and incidentally the second leg of the daily double is on this event. It looks that the inclusion of Gold Coin and Night View (both demoted recently from the "C" standard) will not only present a problem to be solved, but it will scratch the head to spot the winner. It is much easier to cut a passage through than to follow up the line of the handicapper's conduct.

It requires a lot of space to delve into the pros and cons of all the entries, but if we take the results of the Bon Vista Handicap at the Easter session, we will not be far out of the range. In that run the winner (Strathbannock) was receiving 7 lbs. from Sylvandale, who was second and they are now on the same peg, each with 108 lbs. Valorous has 7 lbs. less to carry for coming in third and this means that he has a pull of a stone against Strathbannock which is something to be considered. Portrush, the property of Mrs. Taggart, has been kindly treated and if Mr. Encarnacao can get down to 145 lbs. it is not a bad bet to follow up. I will make my final selections to-morrow.

Canterbury Park Handicap

The Canterbury Park Handicap for Australian ponies of this season that have not won more than $1,000 in stakes should be a gift to Candlelight (who has earned exactly one thousand bucks) but it is reliably learned that Mr. Moller's charger is under a cloud and the prospect of appearing before the official starter is very remote. The race should be between Bruno owned by Mr. G. Treverton and Sydney Lad belonging to the "Lucky" stable. Ruby Star is good for a long shot.

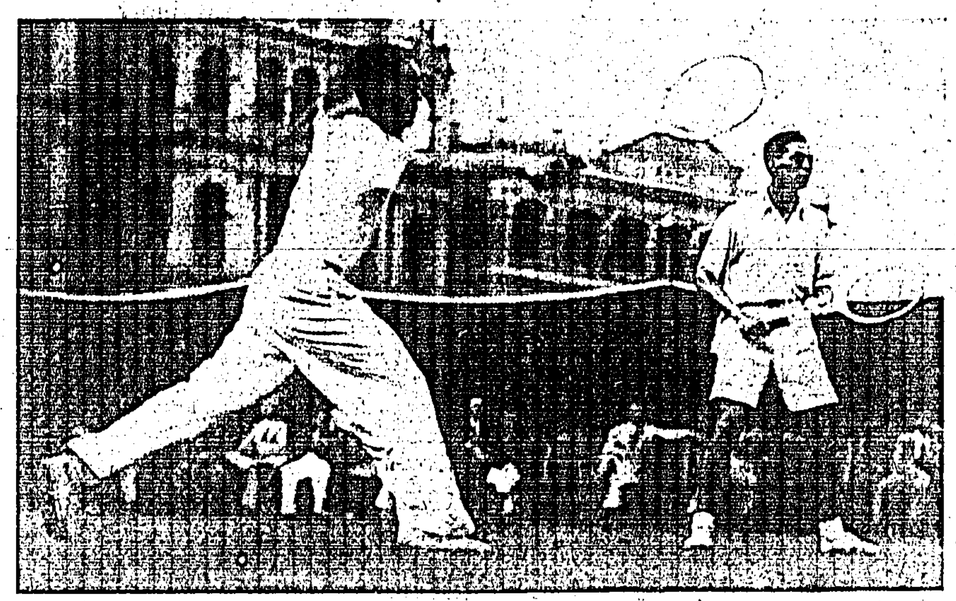
Milleaye May Be In The Limelight

The meeting will terminate with a large field, the best of the afternoon, in the Taimoshan Handicap (second section) for "D" class China ponies and anything may happen. On past performances Milleaye should be in the limelight at the finish provided he can give weight to February Fourth, National Service, Phoenix, Sports Venture, Starlet and Tiny Tim. The return of Clowner and Jack O'Lantern from Kwanti will, I am sure, find some backers. Racing Boy, the public idol, is on the walking list.

Rumjahn Cousins Becoming A Spent Force

Completely Outplayed By Chinese Pair In Colony Tennis Championships

(By "Abe")



Ho Ka-lau (left) and Lee Yue-wing, of the Chinese R.C., created a sensational upset in the semi-finals of the Colony tennis doubles championship yesterday when they defeated the Rumjahn cousins in straight sets. They raised their game to great heights and fully deserved their victory.—*Mee Cheung.*

Probably because the Rumjahn cousins were generally expected to win their semi-final tie in the Colony tennis doubles championships yesterday against Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, only a comparatively small crowd turned up at the Hongkong C.C. to see the encounter. Of those who were there, how many had even imagined that the Rumjahns might be beaten?

Yet beaten the cousins were and in straight sets too, which was the surprising part about it. The scores in favour of the Chinese were 9-7, 6-3, 8-6.

As W. A. H. Duff and T. A. Pearce had found to their cost in an earlier encounter, so did the Rumjahns yesterday that the wonderful retrieving qualities of the Chinese presented a stone wall, against which, try as they did, they could not break down. Any but the best smashes were useless against the solid defence of a pair who returned everything that could possibly be returned. And, adding to the discomfiture of the former champions, the Chinese could very quickly turn strict defence into attack, and often carried the game into the enemy's camp.

Apart from the first ten games or so, Lee and Ho dominated the play throughout, relying not solely on defence but also showing that when the mood takes them they can assume an aggressive role. When one says that once they had established themselves at the net they were more dangerous than their opponents in almost every respect, an idea of how well they played together may be gathered.

COUSINS OUTPLAYED

Seldom did the Rumjahns find a way to beat Lee and Ho when the latter had gained possession of the net. Drives were useless with Lee and Ho in such good volleying form, while anything but the deepest lobs were buried away for winners. And many of the lobs hoisted up by the cousins were simply crying out for the punishment which they received.

Lee, who had been rather nervous in the matches against Duff and Pearce, apparently had settled down to the stand court atmosphere yesterday. He did many good things in this match and he, more than Ho Ka-lau, was responsible for causing the biggest upset for many years. He was always moving in for the winning blow and succeeded to a great extent, thanks to the badly-placed service returns of the opposition. If he was sometimes driven back by a well-placed lob, his toss in reply was invested with a top-spin, keeping the ball within bounds.

I have seen Lee in the League and in the Colony championships for several years, but I have never seen him play as well as he did yesterday. Indeed I doubt whether he has ever played better tennis in his life.

SERVICE WEAKNESS

Not only was his defensive play irreproachable but his work at the net left little to be desired. He volleyed well and smashed with precision, and provided the finishing blow to many a fine rally. His only weakness lay in his service, but nevertheless he managed to hold his service games with surprising regularity.

Though lacking the brilliance of his partner, Ho's part in the combination's victory was far from negligible. Most of the time he was content merely to play a passive role, cutting his mistakes down to a minimum and retrieving in his usual steady manner; but when the occasion demanded it he also smashed with power and volleyed with incisiveness. His attacking shots were pulled out with rare judgment and seldom failed to win points.

Of the former champions, neither seemed up to the old standard. Their star, which had shone so brightly in the last decade, is dimming, and one has to come reluctantly though it be to the conclusion that they are becoming a spent force.

They started promisingly enough and in the first set were four times within a point of claiming it. This was the nearest they could get to winning a set; after this they were always lagging behind.

CONFIDENCE SHAKEN

Their main artillery in the past was their netplay, but even in this department of the game they were outshone yesterday, making mistakes which they would not have done in former years. Their confidence was badly shaken after the first set, and though they fought desparately to avoid defeat they were never able to raise their game in the subsequent play to prevent it.

Even after they had dropped the first two sets, there must have been a number of spectators who wondered whether the cousins would bring out their famous act—snatching a last-minute victory. But this was not to be. And the majority of the spectators, as one game after another went to the Chinese, were so surprised by the turn of events that they sometimes forgot to applaud.

In the first set, the Rumjahns led 5-3, but missed their opportunity and the Chinese took it after 16 games. The second set went to the Chinese without a doubt. Inspired by their success in the opening stanza, when they saved four set

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Cricket

Victories For Surrey, Yorkshire

London, May 4.

Surrey defeated the M.C.C. by 99 runs and Yorkshire beat Oxford University by ten wickets in the cricket matches which concluded to-day.

Surrey scored 221 and 139 (Sims five for 61), against which the M.C.C. made 140 (Gover five for 43, Squires four for 11) and 121.

Yorkshire scored 322 in their first innings, thanks to a splendid century of 125 not out by Herbert Sutcliffe and 82 by Mitchell, and in reply Oxford made only 102. Following-on, the undergraduates made 228 Verity taking six wickets for 73 runs.

Requiring only nine runs for victory, Yorkshire hit them off without loss.—*Reuter.*

K. C. C. TO HAVE ANOTHER TENNIS PRACTICE

Following last Sunday's opening try-out for the tennis league season, the K.C.C. have decided to hold a practice afternoon on Sunday, May 14, at 2:30 p.m., when the following players who, it is expected, will participate in the league teams, are asked to turn out.

Messrs. D. J. N. Anderson, G. C. Burnett, F. A. Broadbridge, R. T. Broadbridge, K. Broch, W. Crabb, A. Crawford, A. Duncan, E. Eymard, E. C. Fincher, A. L. Fisher W. Gilliard, W. M. Gittins, F. Grose, S. A. Gray, A. E. P. Guest, B. D. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, T. A. Madar, D. Orr, A. M. G. Philippens, B. Soltau, W. Turner, and A. V. White.

Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Williams, Miss Harker, Mrs. Smeby, Mrs. Eymard, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cavern, and Miss V. Bradbury.

Any of these players who cannot play on Sunday, May 14, are requested to inform Mr. G. C. Burnett, the tennis convener.

It has also been decided, owing to lack of entries, to cancel the American tennis tournament at the K.C.C., originally arranged for Sunday next.

Leicester Lose Last Match

London, May 4.

Leicester City, with no hope of avoiding relegation, lost their last match in the First Division of the English Football League to-day. Playing at home, they were beaten by the Wolves by two goals to nil.—*Reuter.*

CALL-OVER ANNOUNCED FOR DERBY

London, May 4.

The following is the latest call-over for the Derby:

Blue Peter, 7/2 (t. and o.)
Admiral's Walk, 10/1 (o)
Hellopolis, 100/9 (t. and o.)
Fairstone, 100/7 (o)
Hypnotist, 100/7 (o), 15/1 (t)
Fox Cub, 100/6 (o)
Signal Light 100/6 (o)
Triguero, 100/6 (o)
Romeo, 20/1 (o)
Wheatland, 20/1 (o)
Casanova, 20/1 (o)
Foxbrough, 22/1 (o)
Buxton, 22/1 (o)
Diadoque, 25/1 (o)
Dhoti, 25/1 (o)

—*Reuter.*

Indian R.C. Sports Meet On Sunday

The Indian R. C. annual athletic sports will be held at Sookunpoo on Sunday, May 7, commencing at 1.30 o.m. All members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

Prizes at the conclusion of the meeting will be presented by Mrs. C. Rahim.

Three Pairs Tie In Golf Pro Foursome

London, May 4.

At Birmingham to-day, three pairs tied for first place with aggregate scores of 142 for 36 holes in the £1,000 Professional Golf Foursomes at Sandwell Park.

They are replaying to-morrow over 18 holes.

Robson, of Addington, and Burton of Sale, had rounds of 71 and 71, while Henry Cotton, of Ashridge, and Shepard of Radlett, had rounds of 70 and 72, and Cox of Blackpool and Topping of Bolton registered 72 and 70.—*Reuter.*

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CHINESE DAVIS CUPPERS MEET IN FINAL

Kho Sin-kie And Choy Win Penultimate Ties In Bournemouth Event

The success of the Chinese Davis Cup players, Kho Sin-kie (holder) and W. C. Choy, has been the feature of the Bournemouth hardcourt tennis championships now in progress.

Both won their matches in the semi-finals yesterday, Kho beating Donald McPhail in straight sets, while Choy performed his best feat to date by overcoming Charles Hare, the British Davis Cupper, in four sets after losng the first to love.

According to *Reuter* Kho played superlative tennis in accounting for McPhail, who led 2-1 in the first and third sets. The champion's delicate drop shots, lobs and hard forehand drives, however, kept McPhail running to retrieve. The Briton fought pluckily and scored some brilliant net winners, but he was outclassed by the Chinese, who led 5-2 and 30-love in the third set.

McPhail saved the eighth game, however, but succumbed in the next. Kho won by scores of 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

CHOY'S ACHIEVEMENT

If anything, Choy's victory over Charles Hare was a better achievement, as the latter is considered to be the outstanding British player next to "Bunny" Austin.

After losing the first set to love, Choy settled down to his usual game, and with deep driving to Hare's backhand won the second set after trailing 6-7.

Choy's accurate steadiness and accurate placing won him the third set easily.

The last set again showed Choy at his steadiest, states *Reuter*. Deep drives were the feature of his game and after another great struggle Choy won out in the 16th game after Hare had led 7-6.

The scores in favour of the Chinese were 6-6, 10-8, 6-1, 9-7.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

London, May 4.

In the quarter-finals of the women's singles at Bournemouth to-day, Miss Kathleen Stammers defeated Mrs. Little (formerly Miss Dorothy Round) by 6-2, 7-5.

Mrs. Ellis (formerly Senorita Anita Lizana of Chile) beat Miss Mary Hardwick, the British Wightman Cup player, by 7-5, 3-6, 6-0.

Miss Margaret Scriven beat Miss Betty Nuthall 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Miss Margot Lumb beat Miss Brown 6-2, 7-5.—*Reuter.*

Street Spelled 3 Ways

Halifax, N. S.

A street here has three names, and no one in authority knows which is right. It is known as Franklyn, Frankland and Francklyn.

Baseball

NEW YORK OUTFITS WIN AGAIN

New York, May 4.

The following are the results of the Major League Baseball matches played to-day:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	3	7	2
New York	6	8	0

(Mize homered for the Cardinals).

Chicago	2	10	1
Brooklyn	6	12	1

(Lazzeri homered for the Dodgers).

Pittsburgh	6	12	1
Philadelphia	4	12	1

Tobin and Rizzo homered for the Pirates).

The match between the Cincinnati Reds and Boston Braves was postponed because of rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	10	11	0
Cleveland	6	14	2

(Selkirk homered for the Yankees. Ten innings were played).

Washington	3	9	0
Chicago	4	9	0

(Silverstri homered for the White Sox).

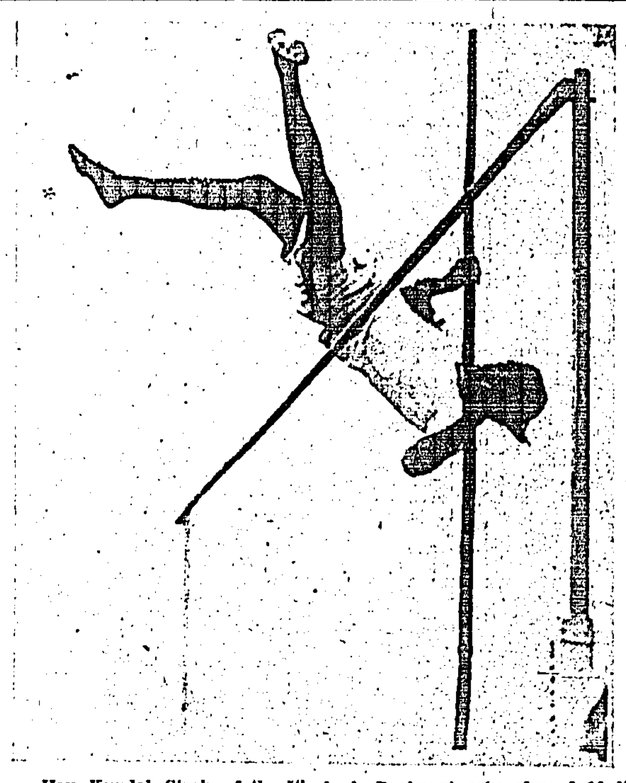
Boston	7	8	1
Detroit	6	11	2

(Williams homered twice for the Red Sox and York replied for the Tigers).

Philadelphia	3	8	0
St. Louis	9	14	2

(Mizzera homered twice for the Browns).—*Reuter.*

JERUSALEM, May 4.—The leader of an armed gang was killed, two of the gang wounded, and three captured in a skirmish yesterday in which the Arab Legion participated with the assistance of the Royal Air Force.—*Reuter.*



Hav. Kundah Singh, of the 5th A. A. Regiment, who cleared 10 ft. 3 ins. in the pole vault at the Hongkong Area annual athletic meet on the Polo Ground yesterday. Here he is seen clearing the bar with ease.—*Staff Photographer.*

Hockey Secretary

Mr. D. Smith Succeeds Mr. R. Henderson

Mr. D. Smith was appointed to succeed Mr. R. Henderson as Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association at a meeting of the Council in St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday. Mr. Henderson is leaving the Colony shortly.

The appreciation of the Council was voiced by Mr. A. A. Dand, Chairman, who said Mr. Henderson had carried out his none too easy task conscientiously and well.

Mention of the unsatisfactory and farcical rule in the Six-a-Side Tournament that the position of the ball at the end of play had to be considered, was made, and it was decided to refer the matter to the tournament sub-committee to consider whether extra time in the case of the final match would be better.

Rumjahn Cousins Badly Beaten

(Continued from Page 8.)

points, they smashed and volleyed their way through to win out in the ninth game. There was another struggle in the third set when the atmosphere became charged. On one side of the court were the Rumjahns fighting desperately to avoid going down in straight sets; and on the other were Lee and Ho on the brink of creating a sensational upset.

NO RISKS TAKEN

There were times when neither pair dared to take any risks—the Rumjahns because they could not afford to and the Chinese because they did not want to present their opponents with *cumshaw* points. Yet, in spite of this understandable caution, some really fine rallies were seen, and from the majority of them the Chinese pair emerged victorious.

In this third set, the Chinese led 4-2, were pulled back to 4-4, led again at 5-4 and once again were pulled back to 5-5.

Once more the Chinese led 6-5 only to allow the Indians to square the set, but they succeeded in winning the next two games for the match.

When Sirdar's last drive went sailing two feet outside the base-line, Ho threw his racket in expression of his joy. But the victory of the Chinese was no "fluke." They kept up with the Rumjahns' brilliance in the opening rallies, and while the latter fell away badly they maintained their high standard of play throughout. Never was victory more richly deserved.

Ho and Lee will now meet the Tsui brothers in the final.

SINGLES FINAL

The final of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony between Tsui Wai-pui (holder) and Tsui Yun-pui, will take place on the stand court on Monday afternoon, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S GOLF CONTEST

In connection with the women's golf competition at Deep Water Bay on May 16, commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the R.H.K.G.C., as reported yesterday, the qualification should have read:

The competition is open to resident associates only, that is, relatives of full members, and associates Class "B".

TENNIS FINALS NEXT WEEK

Exhibition Programme For May 13

The Hongkong Tennis Championships organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club will terminate next week when both the singles and the doubles finals will be played, weather permitting.

On Monday, the Tsui brothers will meet in the final of the singles, while on Wednesday they will play their club-mates, Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau, in the final of the doubles. Prizes won during the tournament will be distributed at the end of the latter match.

On Tuesday, the Club Championship final will be decided. The finalists are H. J. Armstrong and W. Sander, who were also on the opposite sides of the net in the mixed doubles final this week.

On Saturday, May 13, exhibition matches in aid of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China and Hongkong will be played, commencing at 4 p.m. Some of the best doubles players in the Colony will participate in this exhibition. The four pairs on view will be W. A. H. Duff and L. Goldman, Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau, S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn, and Tsui Yun-pui and Tsui Wai-pui.

Tickets for admission are priced at $1.50 and $1.

Golf

STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The following are the starting times for Fanling on Sunday:

NEW COURSE

9.16 S. H. Dodwell, I. H. Geare.
9.20 A. D. Humphreys, A. B. Purves.
9.24 J. A. R. Selby, F. D. Hunter.
9.28 N. D. Lloyd, F. A. M. Elliott.
9.32 W. G. Robertson, W. Hewitt.
9.36 E. Laidlaw, P. C. Jackson.
9.40 A. D. Humphreys, A. B. Purves.
9.44 K. S. Morrison, D. J. Gilmore.
9.48 A. McKellar, J. Linaker.
9.52 G. T. Harrington, G. Riddell-Carre.
9.56 R. J. K. Walker, P. S. Widdup.
10.00 T. E. Pearce, A. Murdoch.
10.04 G. C. Worrall, L. M. S. Lloyd.
10.08 D. S. Robb, R. Young.
10.12 V. R. Gordon, J. R. Collis.
10.16 W. Woodward, C. W. E. Bishop.
10.20 J. B. Morpeth, L. Jackson.
10.24 J. M. Pearson, L. A. R. Duncan.
10.28 A. J. Dennis, W. S. Hillier.
10.32 A. C. Lamb Gasper, H. Harrison.
10.36 S. Tomlison, J. B. Mackie.
10.40 A. Sommerfelt, J. Forbes.
10.44 E. T. McMullen, J. L. C. Pearce.

OLD COURSE

9.24 E. G. Price, N. P. Fox.
9.28 Miss Price, Mrs. Fox.
9.30 A. N. & Q. A. A. MacFadyen.
10.12 Col. Matthews, F. E. Booker.
10.20 Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Bishop.
10.28 Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Duncan.
10.32 Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Hillier.
10.40 D. Black, A. A. Bremner.
11.12 Sir Vandeleur & Miss Grayburn.
11.16 F. B. Winter, Miss Vickers.
11.20 R. C. F. MacGregor, Mrs. Winter.

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th May, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 NOON.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $1 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Fashion Notes

Shorten your skirt and add to your charm

THERE'S no getting away from the fact that the new short skirt fashion is full of pitfalls. So I've been racking my brains to think up ways you can dodge those pitfalls and add to your charm as well as subtract from your skirt length.

First of all I worked out three possible solutions of three major problems; adapting the short skirt to the girl who's very tall; the one who's short and plump; and the one who, though well proportioned, has rather heavy legs.

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You'll see that for the very tall girl, we suggest a very wide swirling skirt. That's because her figure will stand breaking up in a way that a short girl's won't, and she can stand the width at the hem which would make the short girl look dumpy.

The plump short girl doesn't usually look her best in a very short skirt; it "cuts her up" too much and takes away her precious inches.

So for her, we suggest a skirt that's not too violently flared, made of some opaque stuff such as crepe or taffeta with one of the smart new dropped hems of transparent pleated chiffon or georgette below it.

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Let me explain the full beauty of this notion. You get the effect of a short skirt, because the opaque part stops just below the knee, but the transparent hem adds a few extra inches without looking too obtrusive.

And of course you know that petticoat effects are the very latest thing. Only I don't advise a contrasting petticoat effect for the short and plump; it breaks the line too much.

But I do advise very strongly rather dark, though fine-gauge stockings and shoes that match the dress. Both help to make you look taller and slimmer.

The third problem girl, the one whose legs are rather straight and heavy instead of being curved and slender, gave us a lot of trouble.

We decided against cutting her hem in scallops (a good trick for the girl who has slim ankles but rather prominent calves) because if you put curves against a straight line, they only emphasise the straightness.

We decided against any sort of petticoat trick because it focussed the eye on the legs, just where we (and she!) didn't want it focussed.

Eventually we decided for pleats in the skirt, springing on each side of a flat centre panel. This broke up the skirt, made it interesting to look at, and the play of light and shade in their folds was a great help in detracting from the too solid look of the legs.

Another point in favour of pleats was their nice swinging movement when you walk and the way they make a skirt fall with graceful fullness when you sit down.

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Now, of course, these three don't cover all possible pitfalls a short skirt can create for its wearer. Apart from your legs, you've got to consider your proportions.

If you've got heavy hips, for example, you can't wear a pleated skirt.

Your best bet then is one cut in several gores, widening gradually from waist to hem.

These straight vertical lines, tapering over the hips, help to make you look slimmer. Take heart, even if you ARE a little broad in the beam, because this year's slightly flared skirts are much kinder to your figure than the straight kind that reveal every unwanted curve and "hug" you cruelly at the back after you've sat in them a few times.

If you're short and plump, but well proportioned, it's often a good idea to have the back of your skirt fairly plain and to introduce the fashionable fullness at the hem in two inset flares in the front on either side of a straight panel.

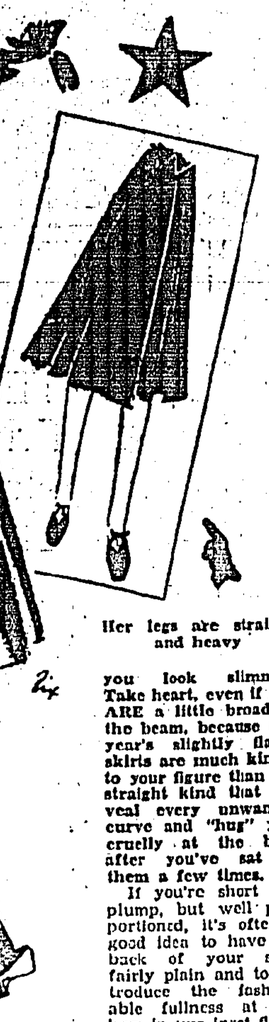
The fullness of the two insets is held flat over the hips with vertical tucks; your skirt has all the fashionable swirling movement, but not being full all round it doesn't give that cottage loaf effect of atoo bulky skirt on a short figure.

A wide sash, with its points falling below the hem of the skirt, is another way of giving an effect of extra length and camouflaging your legs.

But don't worry if short skirts don't suit you and never will. Have your hem as high as your legs and your figure will stand it, but no higher.

Half the art of dressing well is to adapt the fashions to your own type of looks.

For the short, plump girl.



The tall, slim girl.

Her legs are straight and heavy

YOUR PERSONALITY

A PROMINENT writer recently said that modern women dissipate their personalities in "pale imitations of popular film stars." The very modish surface (dictated by fashion) which we present to the world may seem at first to justify the indictment.

Underneath the Edwardian coiffure and below the intriguing veil of the moment, we still however remain ourselves. Or do we? How much of us is really our own personality, our contribution to life and living, and how much is dictated, guided, directed by prevailing modes of thought and expression?

The first essential to having an individual personality is to think for oneself. Before hearing the world's comments let us make up our own minds; we can decide whether we like or dislike this or that new idea before we are swayed by the reactions of other people.

Then there is the very vexed question of following fashion's sartorial decrees. Admittedly it is still, for most women, more comfortable to be out of the world than to be out of the fashion, but no woman with personality allows herself to become a complete slave to exaggerated "lines," she chooses her clothes from the latest models which appeal to her and which express some innate style of her own.

In the choice of friends it is often the line of least resistance to possess a second-hand mind. If we await the verdict of our district or our club on some new arrival and abide by that decision we are revealing a mental weakness.

Our approach to books, to entertainment in general, may expose our lack of personality if we allow ourselves to be guided in our choice of them by our friend's opinions or by prevailing fashions.

How often we read a book because our next door neighbour asserted, "You must read so and so; everyone is reading it." A good book, probably, but a woman of personality demands more of a book than that "everyone is reading it."

This pursuit of a personality is a stimulating task; and it makes life so much more interesting to have viewpoints and opinions coming from within rather than allowing them to be the product of mass computation.

C. E. M.

Book Covers

NOTHING could be gayer or more practical than book covers of oil-cloth, or oil silk, especially for cookery or household account books, which so soon become soiled and greasy. These can either be stitched to fit bindings strong enough to allow them to be slipped on and off or cut exactly to size and pasted to paper coverings.

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Both oil cloth and oil silk can now be bought in so many attractive designs and colourings that it is easy to choose one to tone with the decorative scheme of any room.

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In the nursery, too, where small sticky fingers leave their marks, covers may be made to preserve new books and repair to old ones easily and satisfactorily carried out.

A. M. S.

Something New For Spring

SPRING is in the air, and the urge for something new in the heart of every woman. So what about turning things round about, and using furnishing fabrics for dress accessories, and dress materials for household articles?

Elaborate pockets are fashionable on frocks and coats; so washing frocks may be decorated with applique flowers cut out of cretonne and couched down with coloured wools. These cretonne flowers may also be applied to the neckline of the frock, and the more these posies resemble the designs on pockets of seeds, the more fashionable they will be.

Dainty boleros and blouses may be made from a fine meshed curtain net, darned with angora, either in white or colour.

Heavy slub rep or brocade will make an opulent waistcoat for a smart spring suit. Some of the furnishing linens also make very stylish waistcoats, especially if decorated with herring-bone or tacking-stitch in brightly coloured wools.

Organdie has long been popular for table mats and teacloths, but I wonder how many people realise how much more effective it is when two colours are super-imposed? Blue upon green is fascinating, and cool as the summer sea. Rose upon maize, rose upon mauve, and vice-versa, are lovely.

Now that we are going all Victorian, dotted Swiss muslin makes dainty, crisp curtains, dressing-table covers, and bed-spreads. Linen and crepe-de-chine makes beautiful quilted cushions, and the effect of Italian quilting, done in vivid wools behind thin crepe-de-chine or georgette, is delicate and charming.

A. R. H.

This costume, in silk crepe, in black and pink, has its pink jacket lined in the print. The jacket is quilted all over except for the lower sleeve sections.

Weather Curtails Reading

Toledo, O.

Winter sports cut into the juvenile book demand and severe traffic conditions cut the circulation of adult books, according to the public library report.

Crossword - Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

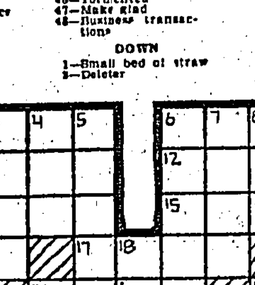
ACROSS

1—Pertaining to foot
6—Tax
11—Sea-soldier
12—Circus rings
14—African antelopes
15—Celebrates two masses successively on same celebrant
16—If the facts were different
17—Covered colonnade of Greek architecture
19—Human race
20—Golf mound
21—Burn
22—Twist
23—Painted with colored paints
25—System of religious observance (pl.)
26—Residence (abbr.)
27—Put on, as garment
28—Wears together
31—Brought to point of convergence
35—Device for dispersing radiation
36—Provide with surface
37—Before
38—Sash worn by Japanese women
39—Cry used in golf
40—Confess frankly
41—Domesticators
43—Long step
45—Looks fixedly
46—Tormented
47—Make glad
48—Business transactions

DOWN

1—Small bed of straw
2—Deleter

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



SECOND MELODY BEE

Few Hits, Many Misses In Bright Contest

With an Airman as master of ceremonies, Army and Navy teams met last night in the second Melody Bee held by ZBW. The contest, which was better conducted than the first Bee, all melody names being announced distinctly, resulted in a win for the Navy, after a poor beginning, by 10½ points to 8—the half-point being a whimsical Army donation.

The scoring was sensibly arranged so that contestants were awarded a point for naming the pieces correctly, and a second point for naming the composers, in the case of classical items, and the screen or stage origin in the case of jazz numbers.

Curious wild shots by the Navy were the transplanting of "Sympathy" into "Alexander's Ragtime Band," the placing of a "Samson and Delilah" excerpt as an Irish offering, the recognition of Offenbach's "Barcarolle" as "The Blue Danube Waltz," and the announcement of "Where My Caravan Has Rested" as a country dance. "Ferdinand, the Bull" went unrecognised.

The Army shooting was often as wide of the mark. The "Cavalleria Rusticana" Intermezzo became "The Lost Chord" and "Madame Butterfly" was chosen as the source of the "Lambeth Walk."

Every player was then asked to submit a score for three additional numbers and it was in this section that the Navy, polling heavily on Schubert's "Marche Militaire," made good the points lost earlier. The other two numbers in this section were "Invitation to the Waltz" (Weber) and March (Casse Noisette Suite) by Tschaikowsky.

The 16 numbers played in the main portion of the Bee were:—"Sympathy" waltz (film "Firefly"), "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" (film "Roberta"), "Ferdinand, the Bull" (from the film), "Lambeth Walk" (from "Me and My Girl"), "Softly Awakes My Heart" ("Samson and Delilah"—Saint-Saens). Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni), "Love's Old Sweet Song" (Molloy), "Mighty Lak' A Rose" (Nevin), "Where My Caravan Has Rested" (Lohr), "Drink to Me only with Thine Eyes (traditional), "Barcarolle" from "Tales of Hoffman" (Offenbach), "Destiny" (Baynes), "Alice Blue Gown" (Tierney), "Music, Maestro, Please" (film "These Foolish Things"), "Moonlight and Roses" (Lemare's "Andantino"), "The Donkey's Serenade" (film "Firefly").

Listeners who wish, may, according to an invitation extended last night, send in their names to ZBW with a request to be allowed to take part in the next Bee. A studio trial, it is held, might be a sharp check to thoughtless criticism.

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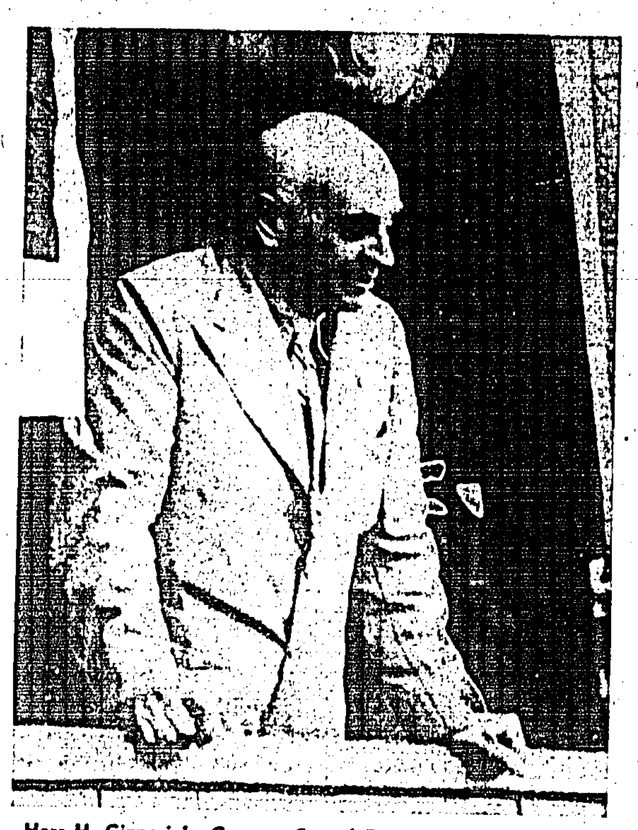
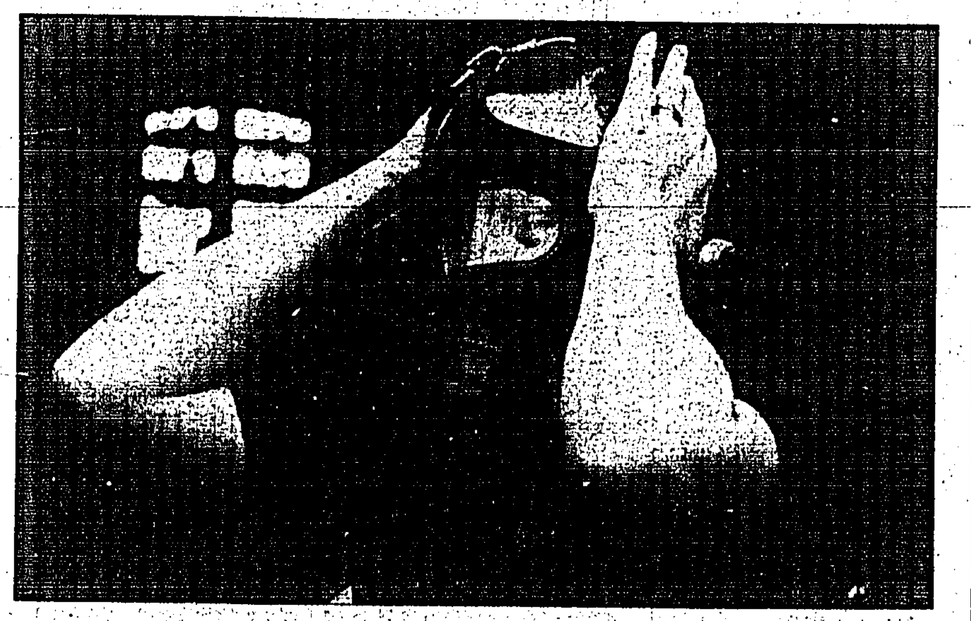
HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE



Herr H. Gipperich, German Consul-General, addresses guests who were present at the recent German National Day celebrations.—*Ming Yuen.*

An action photograph taken when the folk dancing was in full swing at the National Day celebrations at the German Tennis Club.—*Ming Yuen.*

Two German girls who took part in the folk dancing at the German Tennis Club.—*Ming Yuen.*



Mrs. Steele-Perkins demonstrates the correct method of donning a gas mask preparatory to leading groups of local ladies through a gas chamber.—*Staff Photographer.*

Group photograph taken after the recent arrival in Kai Tak of the German Junker's plane JU52.—*King's Studio.*

BIG SUM RAISED

Charity Balls and Theatre Performances Profit

The Charity Balls given under the auspices of the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers Relief Association on the nights of March 31 and April 1 at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden yielded a total sum of $5,065.15, the net proceeds after deducting expenses being $3,057.55.

A series of Peiping theatrical shows sponsored by the same Association and given on March 26 and 27 in the Lee Theatre for the purpose of raising funds for relief work, brought in a gross sum of $4,060.60. The net proceeds amounted to $3,924.78.

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The Prime Minister will then accompany Their Majesties down the gangway to the dock where he will present them to Lieutenant-Governor Patenaude and Mrs. Patenaude, members of the Federal Cabinet and their wives, and the Premier of Quebec, Mr. Maurice Duplessis.

The King will then inspect the guard of honour, after which Their Majesties will proceed to the Provincial Buildings for Quebec's formal welcome.—*Reuter*.

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	New York, Opening	May 4. Closing
May	8.52/52	8.53/53
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May	———	49⅛/49
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Winnipeg Wheat

May	———	65⅝/65⅝
July	65¼/65½	66½/66⅝
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

Prices to-day showed signs of improvement coupled with a slightly better turnover. Sellers are holding aloof and until there is more of an advance in prices, trading will continue within narrow limits.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank $1,370.
Canton Insurance $220.
Union Insurance $440.
Douglases $67.
H.K. & K. Wharves $100.
H.K. Docks $16½.
Providents $4¼.
H. & S. Hotels $3¼.
H.K. Lands $32¼.
H.K. Realties $4.
H.K. Tramways $16.20.
Star Ferries $65.
China Lights (Old) $8.20
China Lights (New) $5¼.
H.K. Electrics $54¾.
Macao Electrics $16¼.
Telephones (Old) $21¾.
Canton Ices $1.
Dairy Farms Ex Rts. $20¼.
Entertainments $6½.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 3¾% prem.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan par.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) 4/-.

Sellers

Hongkong Bank $1,390.
Union Insurance $445.
China Lights (New) $5.45.

Sales

Hongkong Bank $1,362/70.
H.K. Docks $16.60.
H.K. Tramways $16.15.
China Lights (Old) $8.30.
Dairy Farms Ex Rts. $20½.
Dairy Farms Rts. $14¾
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BANDSMAN E. J. STEMP

Given Military Funeral At Happy Valley

Full military honours were accorded Bandsman, Edward John Stemp, of the Middlesex Regiment, at his funeral yesterday at the Protestant Cemetery. Rev. E. d'A. Staunton officiated.

Bandsman Stemp collapsed and died at the Polo Ground on Wednesday while practising the discus throw for the Army Sports.

Those present at the service included Lieut.-Col. L. A. Newnham, Officer Commanding, Major S. F. W. M. del Court and Capt. H. Marsh, of the Middlesex Regiment.

Wreaths were from Major-Gen. A. E. Grasett, and Staff Officers of Headquarters, China Command; Brig. J. T. W. Reeve and Staff Officers of Hongkong Brigade; Major and Mrs. J. E. Dobbs; Major del Court, Lt. A. W. Peel; Bandmaster and Mrs. W. Kifford; Sgt. and Mrs. Edwards and Charlie; Cpl. W. Ure; L/Cpl. A. Plummer; L/Cpl. Maggeridge; All ranks "A" Company, Middlesex Regiment; "C" Company, Middlesex Regiment; All ranks "H.Q." Company, Middlesex Regment; Band members of the Middlesex Regiment; Drum members of the Middlesex Regiment; Signal Group of the Middlesex Regiment; Commanding officer and all officers of the Middlesex Regiment; All ranks of 5th. A. A. (R. A.); All ranks of 8th. Heavy Regiment (R.A.); Sportsmen of Middlesex Regiment; "Details" Group of the Middlesex Regiment; W. A. A. Fergusson.

SINO-AMERICAN

Institute Holding First Meeting To-day

The Inaugural meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations will be held at 5.30 p.m. to-day at the Cafe Wiseman.

Being a branch of the Head Institute at Chungking, the purpose of the institute is to promote cultural relations and to cultivate closer friendship between the peoples of the two nations.

The institute is to have a president, two vice-presidents, a general secretary, a Chinese secretary, an American secretary, a treasurer, and an Executive Council and five permanent committees.

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ROME, May 4.—Field-Marshal Hermann Goering arrived at San Remo to-day. It is said to be a private visit.—*Reuter*.

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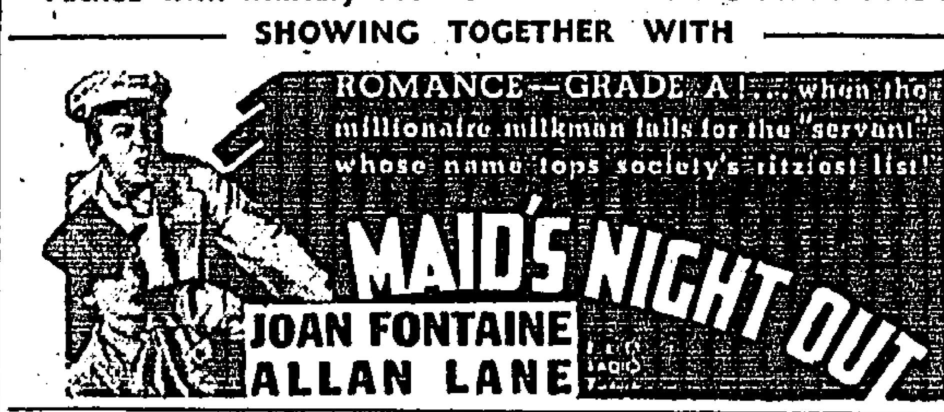

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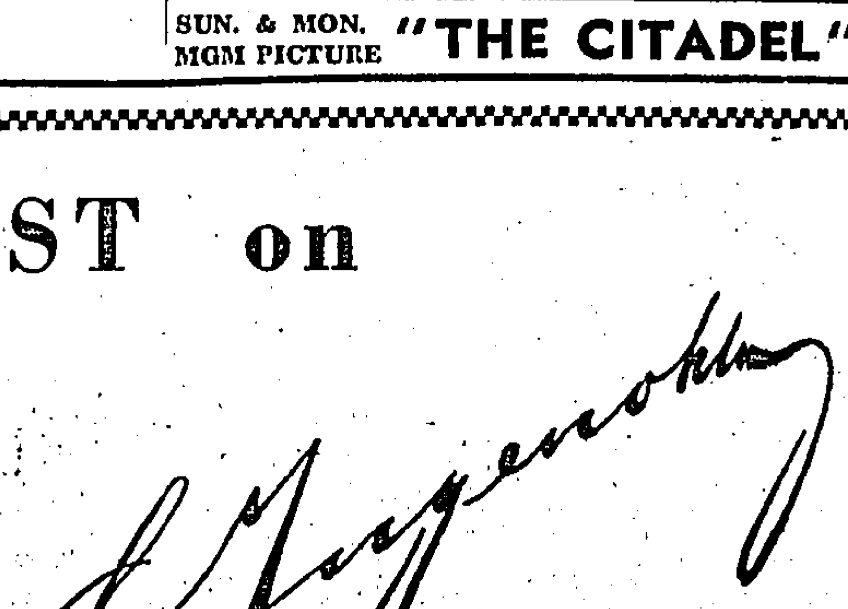

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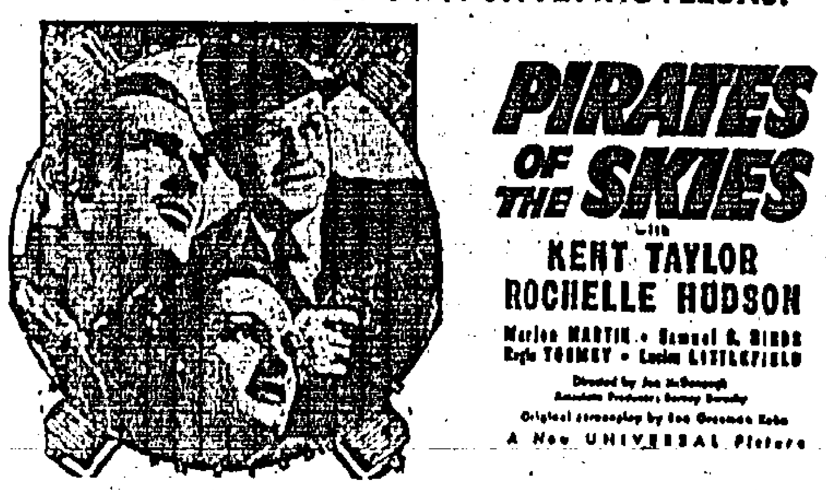

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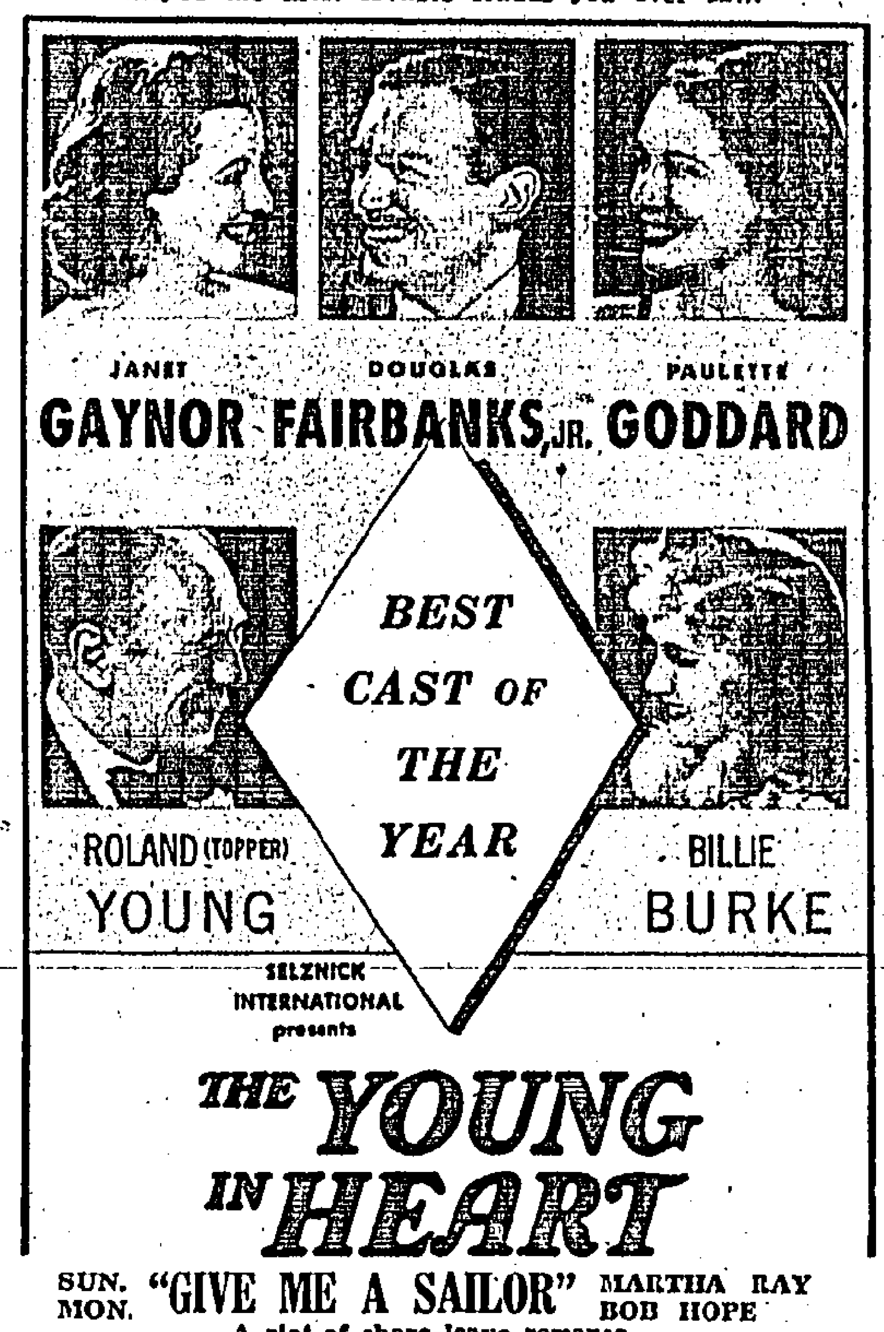

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CHINA'S CAPITAL BECOMES A FUNERAL PYRE FOR 3,000

Greatest Air Raid Reduces City To Shambles

By ROBT. P. MARTIN, "United Press" Correspondent

CHUNGKING, To-day.

CHINA'S WAR-TIME CAPITAL HAS BECOME A FUNERAL PYRE FOR THREE THOUSAND OF ITS CITIZENS.

The most horrifying air raid the world has ever known has reduced the city to a shambles.

Flimsy wooden buildings which house a war-time population of one-and-a-half million people are providing fuel for seven great conflagrations, compared with which the burning of Canton and Hankow during the Japanese occupations are mere bonfires.

THE BOMBERS have broken through.

Despite the greatest concentration of Chinese planes seen during the war, and despite the almost impregnable chain of anti-aircraft batteries atop the mountains that almost surround the city—the topography is greatly reminiscent of Hongkong's—thirty-two of the thirty-eight warplanes which set out from the Japanese base at Hankow roared through the defences for the second time in 48 hours.

HAILSTORM OF BOMBS

They dropped over 100 bombs in a raid that lasted less than an hour.

The inevitability of fires through Chungking's narrow streets of rotting wooden buildings was foregone.

Light incendiary bombs dropped like hailstones at the city's most vulnerable points.

They were accompanied by great torpedo bombs—500 times as heavy as the incendiaries—and crash succeeded crash as the city shook and crumbled before the onslaught.

TERRIBLE FATE

Hundreds of victims died without knowing what had happened. But a more terrible fate awaited—still awaits—hundreds of others.

They have been buried alive in the debris of a stricken city.

Now that the raiders have gone, everyone has turned feverishly out to assist in the work of rescue.

Fire, menacing and terrible, is licking through the ruins from several directions.

Cries become shrieks as many of the trapped victims realise the fate that is approaching them.

There are raging and uncontrolled infernos in seven separate parts of the city.

Bucket Gangs

There are no water mains with which to fight them.

There are no pumps and hose to bring a quenching flood from the yellow waters of the Yangtse, 200 hundred feet below in the narrow gorge.

Instead, great chain bucket gangs have been formed. They are passing buckets of water from hand to hand—to provide a meagre and pitiful dribble against the raging, all-consuming infernos.

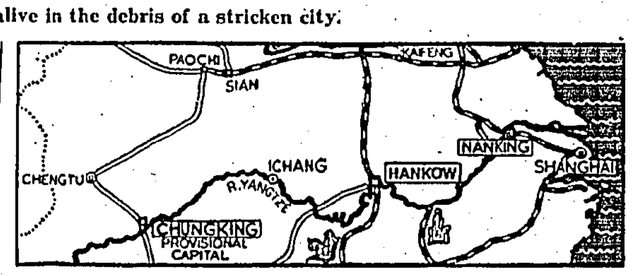
One blaze has completely surrounded the Methodist Episcopal Hospital. An American couple, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCurdy, succeeded in escaping from their home just as the flames reached it.

The Canadian French Mission has been devoured, and the nearby Canadian School, from which Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Vaught and Mr. Theodore White had miraculous escapes when it was struck by an incendiary bomb, has been reduced to ashes.

Tour Of City

I have just returned from a tour of the burning and devastated city. Even now, as I write, the groans and shrieks of hundreds of people trapped below the wreckage is resounding in my ears.

As I walked through the city walls continued to topple and I saw many who escaped the initial disaster die in these new dangers.



Children were the most pitiful victims. I saw eight, obviously of one family, huddled near the door of a wrecked tenement. They were all dead.

The most horrifying thought is the inevitability of those flames, licking steadily at the heart of the city. It seems that nothing can stop those great conflagrations, which throughout last night turned night into day.

3,000 Died

Unofficial estimates state that 3,000 have already died. It is the greatest death roll the world has ever witnessed from an air raid.

The amazing thing is that all foreigners seem to have escaped with but minor injuries. Mr. T. V. Vachlos, United Aircraft representative, had a miraculous escape from the Chinese hotel in which his offices were situated Foreign pilots of the C.N.A.C., who also lived in the hotel, had previously evacuated. The hotel was demolished, and later burnt.

Hospitals Packed

During the night I visited the hospitals.

The floors were literally dripping with blood as foreign and Chinese doctors hopelessly attempted to cope with the constant stream of dead and dying carried in from the streets.

They carried out operations without rest throughout the night.

Many streets are knee deep in debris, and thousands of terrified people are fleeing into the mountains, their one thought to get away from this horror that has come so suddenly upon them.

Path Of Death

CHUNGKING, Later.

There is a path of death a mile and a half long and 500 yards wide through the heart of the business section of the war-time capital.

But the heroic work of the fire brigades and volunteers is gradually bringing the raging fires under control.

Only two now threaten the city and they are partially under control.

Thousands of coolies have been drafted to tear down houses around the fire zones in order to create fire-breaks and thus save the rest of the city.

A Chinese communique claims that one Japanese bomber was brought down.

The "Central News" Agency office was partially destroyed.

Bombs struck the British and French Consulates.

The British Consulate was occupied by the Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, who witnessed the entire raid.

The German Embassy was endangered at one stage, but was saved by firemen.—*United Press.*

Huge Fires

CHUNGKING, May 5.—Chungking, China's war-time capital, which was

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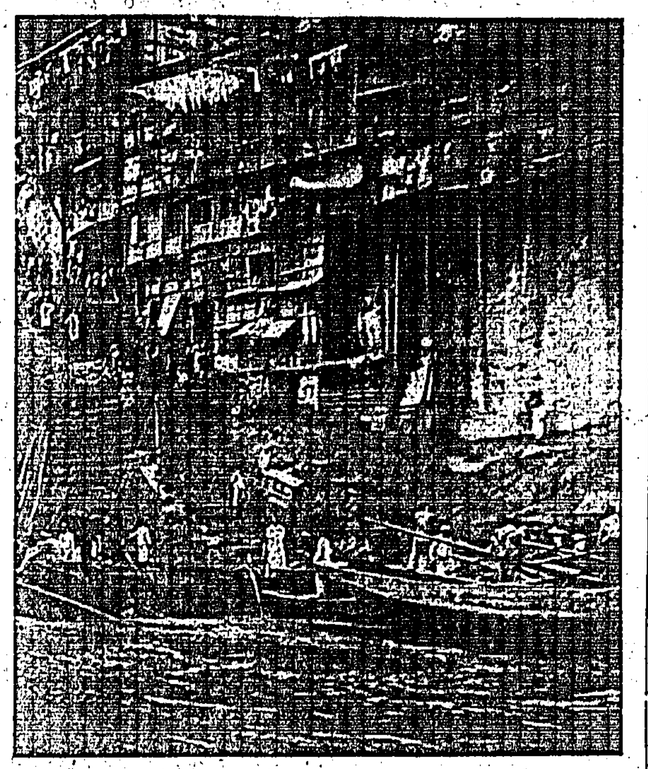

CHUNGKING FROM THE YANGTSE

Sagres Seizure Protests

LONDON, May 4.—Questioned in the House of Commons about the Japanese seizure of the British steamer Sagres on April 8, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that representations had been made to the Japanese authorities in China, and the Foreign Office in Tokyo, for the release of the vessel.—*Reuter.*

DALADIER REAFFIRMS POLICY

PARIS, May 4.

M. DALADIER, the Prime Minister, made the following statement to the press to-night.

"The newspapers announced this morning that on Thursday next the Government would make a declaration in the Chamber about the international situation.

"I believe that under these circumstances, I should wait no longer, but should state now what the general purport of that declaration will be.

"The attitude of France defined in my broadcast speech of March 29 has not changed, and will not change. External events are sufficient to confirm the legitimacy and necessity of our policy of vigilance and firmness. This policy has the approval of the entire country as has been proved by the consultations and decisions of the departments and Assemblies.

Raising Doubts

"However, it seems that both in France and in foreign countries, inexact information and tendacious comments are distorting the real facts, the object being either to undermine the determination of the Government and the nation, or to raise doubts in foreign countries about the clarity and consistency of French policy.

"I cannot protest emphatically enough against such distortions of the truth. In reality, the international situation is completely clear, inasmuch as the variety and abstruseness of the chief problems resolve themselves into one single question, namely, whether unilateral domination, or collaboration is to prevail in Europe.

The Stakes

"It is therefore in the last resort, the safety of France and the future of civilisation which is at stake, and

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Beck Will Be Firm, Forecast

LONDON, May 4.

COLONEL BECK'S speech to-morrow is being awaited throughout Europe with almost as much interest as normally attends the utterances of Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler.

Authoritative comments in advance are made in Paris and Berlin.

In Paris, it is emphatically clear that France is determined to stand by Poland, who is to be the sole judge of whether her vital interests are affected. The French Cabinet will meet on Saturday morning.

The "Voelkische Beobachter" in Berlin prints an article by Dr. Josef Goebbels declaring the Polish demands to be intolerable, and blaming Britain for encouraging Polish Chauvinism. It is assumed that Herr von Ribbentrop will discuss Colonel Beck's pronouncement with Herr Hitler before going to meet Count Ciano to-morrow night.

A Warsaw despatch says that indications to-night are that Colonel Beck's speech will be firm, but not provocative.

Poland does not intend to close the door, and Colonel Beck is expected to make counter-proposals to the German demands.—*Reuter.*

Hear Speech In H.K.

HONGKONG listeners will be able to hear Col. Beck's speech at 5 p.m. to-day H.K.T.

It will be relayed by the new short-wave station at Treasure Island, San Francisco.

The station is audible in Hongkong on the 31-metre band, and listeners may tune it in if they first tune in ZBW-2, the Hongkong short-waver, and then move the dial a fraction towards KZRM.

An English commentary on the speech will be given by the San Francisco station.

The speech will also be broadcast by VLR, the Melbourne short-wave station. Commentaries on the speech will be given by this station at 9.30 p.m., by KZRM at 8.50 p.m., by Daventry at 9.15 p.m. and by Zeesen at 10 p.m.

Britain And Poland

Warsaw, May 4.

It is understood that the British Ambassador was in conference with the Polish Foreign Under-Secretary, Count Szembek, for an hour yesterday, and that he suggested that the

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NEW LIGHT ON RESIGNATION

Anglo-Soviet Deadlock?

LONDON, May 4.

THE SOVIET Foreign Minister's resignation has come as a surprise to diplomats, whose first reaction is that it may represent a victory for the Soviet isolationists who are opposed to M. Litvinoff's policy of co-operation with the western powers.

Newspapermen conveyed the news to the Soviet Ambassador here at the annual dinner of the China Society, but he refused to comment.

Other Soviet sources also declined to give any explanation.

Soviet sources, however, have been predicting during the past few days that the Soviets would break off negotiations if Britain and France failed to accept the Soviet offer of an ironclad mutual assistance pact.

It is thought, therefore, that the isolationists, who are believed to include military chiefs, feel that it is useless to seek Franco-British aid in halting aggression in Europe and that the Soviets should withdraw behind their own frontier, from whence they could repel any direct attack on the Soviet Union.—*United Press.*

STUMBLING BLOCK

TOKYO, May 4.

JAPANESE political circles, which appear to be well-informed on events in Russia, attach great importance to reports reaching Tokyo that Great Britain and Soviet Russia have failed to reach a basis for agreement.

It is believed that the negotiations have reached a stumbling block on the question of the inclusion of the Far East in any military pact that may be reached.

It is reported in Tokyo that the Soviet has insisted that the proposed agreement should apply equally to Europe and the Far East. Britain and France, however, have been endeavouring to persuade the Soviet to exclude the Far East from the agreement.

Japanese sources claim that Britain and France, nevertheless, promised that they would extend more vigorous assistance to the Chinese Government and would not oppose the despatch of Soviet volunteers to the assistance of China.

Premature Concessions

Japanese circles believe that the retirement of M. Litvinoff may be traced to his concessions to Britain, especially his willingness to exclude the Soviet's Far Eastern frontiers from an agreement.

On the other hand, the influential "Kokumin Shimbun" expresses the opinion that M. Litvinoff has been dismissed by M. Stalin in order to strengthen relations with Great Britain.

This newspaper is apparently alone in its opinion. Other newspapers declare that the withdrawal of M. Litvinoff means a total reversal of Soviet foreign policy and a return to the original policy of isolation.—*Domei.*

GERMAN BOURSE BOOMS

BERLIN, May 4.—The sudden eclipse of M. Litvinoff has caused a boom on the Berlin stock exchange.

Financial circles see in the removal of the Soviet apostle of collective security the possibility of the Soviet-Union leaving the ranks of those countries whose foreign policy is primarily directed against Germany.

These hopes are not, however, fully shared by well-informed Berlin circles, where the first reaction is marked by a desire to await further

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GERMAN TROOPS MOVE

Berlin, May 4.—Storm troops and army units, with anti-tank guns and other artillery, have been leaving Munich in a northerly direction.

Only a comparatively few troops remain in the town.

The movements are officially described as in no way out of the ordinary.—*Reuter Special.*

LATEST

Liberal Press Confident

LONDON, May 5.—This morning's newspapers still speculate on the reason for the dropping of Litvinoff.

The "Times", "News Chronicle" and "Daily Herald" are all of the opinion that the negotiations between Britain and Soviet Russia have not been affected.—*Reuter.*

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French Ban May Not Seriously Hurt Japan's Trade

TOKYO, May 5.

THE FOREIGN Office is understood to have received official reports from the Japanese authorities in Paris to the effect that the French Government on May 3 published a decree banning the import into France and French colonies of Japanese goods, excepting raw silk and camphor, without certificates of origin issued by the competent French authorities in Japan, effective on and after May 10.

Although these reports are now drawing considerable attention of Government authorities and business circles, traders do not necessarily hold a pessimistic view for the future of Franco-Japanese trade, believing that the Government authorities will redouble their efforts to readjust these matters in trade discussions now taking place between France and Japan.

Japanese traders believe that the new French measure will not seriously affect Japan's exports to France and French colonies, in view of the fact that Japanese goods are exportable into French Indo-China, since March, without certificates of origin.

However, they regard the new French measure as a preliminary step to strengthen restrictions on Japanese imports in case Franco-Japanese trade negotiations fail to reach an amicable agreement.

Trade returns compiled by the Ministry of Finance reveal that Japan's total exports to France in 1938 amounted to Yen 30,813,675, and the imports from France to Yen 13,502,459. Among Japan's exports, raw silk and camphor constitute the two biggest items, raw silk amounting to Yen 24,630,853 and camphor to Yen 251,578.—*Domei.*

Disobeyed Traffic Signal

D. M. A. Razack, of Fort Street, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning for disobeying traffic signal, between Leighton Hill Road and Caroline Hill Road, on April 19.

Razack pleaded guilty, saying that he did not see the police constable on point duty as he was concentrating on the pedestrians.

Traffic-Sergeant Sargent said that it was not usual for a constable to be there, unless during some sports meets.

Razack was cautioned

Trans-Pacific Junk Adrift

Hummel Hummel Develops Trouble

KAGOSHIMA, May 4.

THE HUMMEL HUMMEL, a junk aboard which are an American captain and his wife and three Norwegian sailors, drifted with a damaged engine into Kataura, a fishing village in Kagoshima Prefecture in southern Kyushu.

The junk left Shanghai on April 24 for San Francisco.

While sailing off Koshiki Island, the ship developed engine trouble and made port for repairs. Still possessing plenty of provisions the crew intends to continue its adventure on to San Francisco.—*Domei.*

Gablenz To Fly To Manchoukuo

TOKYO, May 5.

BARON VON GABLENZ, director of the German Lufthansa Aircraft Company, who arrived at Tokyo in his Junkers JU-52 monoplane from Berlin on a goodwill flight yesterday, will hop off from the Haneda airport on May 11 on a flight to Manchoukuo.

Although his final schedule has not been determined yet, it is understood that the German flier and his crew will start on the return flight to Berlin via Korea and Fukuoka after staying in Manchoukuo for a few days.—*Domei.*

Genevieve Tobin Here

Genevieve Tobin and her director-husband, Mr. William Keighley, photographed in Hongkong this morning. — *Staff Photographer.*

U.S. ADMIRAL FEARS PROSPECTS OF WAR

WASHINGTON, May 4.

ADMIRAL WILLIAM LEAHY, testifying before the House of Representatives appropriations committee to-day, which approved the naval estimates of $770,000,000, declared that the "prospect of an international disturbance in the near future" made it imperative that the United States complete its naval re-armament programme with all possible speed.

Admiral Leahy paid particular attention to the future plans of Italy, Germany, and Japan.

The committee decided to reject the request for funds to start work on the naval air bases in the Pacific Islands of Wake, Midway, Palmyra and Johnston, but approved the other bases at Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Florida, and Oregon.

The navy now consists of 340 warships, with an air fleet of 1,451 planes. A further 144 warships and 650 planes are under construction or are contemplated.—*Reuter.*

45,000-Ton Warships

WASHINGTON, May 4.— The House of Representatives appropriations committee to-day approved the naval estimates totalling $770,000,000, including funds to start construction of two 45,000-ton battleships, 21 other warships, and 500 planes.

Admiral William Leahy, Chief of Naval Operations, testifying before the committee said that Japan was building three battleships between 42,000 and 46,000 tons, adding: "In my opinion we shall not accomplish any approach to equality without building these 45,000-ton ships and starting them this year."

The battleships will be launched in 1943 at a cost of $93,000,000 each, and they will be armed with 16-inch guns.—*Reuter.*

"Inevitable Warfare"

Washington, May 4.

Opening to-day's debate on the Naval Appropriation Bill, Representative James Scrugham said the United States faces an ultimate show down to stop the nations who are coveting the United States raw materials.

He said the appropriation replies to apparently "inevitable warfare in the not distant future."

He maintained that disarmament proposals and economic appeasement efforts seem useless in the present condition of the world.

The Naval Appropriation Bill, together with other measures, brings defence appropriations during this session of Congress to a near record of two billion dollars.—*United Press.*

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BIG U.S. COAL STRIKE

Will Affect The Whole Nation

NEW YORK, May 4.

AS A result of the coal negotiations having failed to agree on the terms of the new contract, a nationwide soft coal strike has become inevitable.

Mr. John L. Lewis, C.I.O. leader said that walkout orders will go into effect on Friday or Saturday 120,000 miners outside the Appalachian area where 340,000 have already struck.

It is made plain that it is expected that Friday's meeting and full Appalachian conference will result in adjournment and the severance of relations.

The coal shortage in New York City has resulted in an order by the subway systems to reduce their services by 25 per cent.—*United Press.*

Democracies Buy U.S. Goods

French Army Mission In Washington

WASHINGTON, May 3.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT has announced that a French Army Mission is visiting Washington "with a view to the possible purchase of munitions".

The Mission includes Major General Andre Gavard, Inspector General of Ordnance and Major Salmon, a metallurgical expert.—*United Press.*

British Barter

London, May 4.

After the Prime Minister had announced in the House of Commons to-day that negotiations had been opened with the United States for the exchange of certain raw materials required as strategic reserves, Mr. G. M. Garro-Jones (Lab) asked whether the arrangement would involve the purchase of large quantities of raw materials for private ownership in Britain.

He also asked whether the Prime Minister was aware that the raw materials which the United States Government proposed to exchange, were already in their hands, and therefore would not involve purchases from people who knew the purchases were about to be made, as purchases of tin and rubber would involve in this country.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the Government was quite aware of all that.

Mr. Garro-Jones then asked if negotiations had yet been opened with the owners of tin and rubber supplies in this country and had the prices been arranged at which the Government would take over the surplus stock.

Mr. Chamberlain replied in the negative.—*Reuter.*

Another Measure Against Jews

Berlin, May 4.

Legislation came into force throughout the Reich to-day which will henceforth bar any Jews from living with Germans under the same roof.

In future Jews in Germany will live exclusively in Jewish owned houses.

This, it is stated, is one of the final steps leading to the complete sequestering of the Jewish community in Germany.

The new law provides for the ejection of Jews from houses or blocks of houses occupied by Germans.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Briton Sent To German Prison

Berlin, May 4.

A British subject, Charles Hermann was sentenced to-day by the special court in the suburb of Moabit to eight months imprisonment on a charge of spreading untrue "atrocity" stories.

Hermann allegedly declared at a dinner party that "old officers won't have anything to do with Germany, and are leaving the country. German soldiers are worse than foreign soldiers, and are badly dressed."—*Reuter Special.*

German Soldier-Politician Dies

Berlin, May 4.

General Wilhelm Groener, who figured prominently in the Bruening Cabinet, in which he held the offices of Minister of Defence, Minister of the Interior, and Minister of Transport, died to-day at the age of 71.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Deputy Eire Premier For N.Y.

Dublin, May 4.

The acting Premier of Eire, Mr. T. O'Ceallaigh, will go to the United States in the place of Premier Eamon de Valera, in order to visit the World's Fair in New York, says a report this evening.

The Deputy Premier will leave on Saturday.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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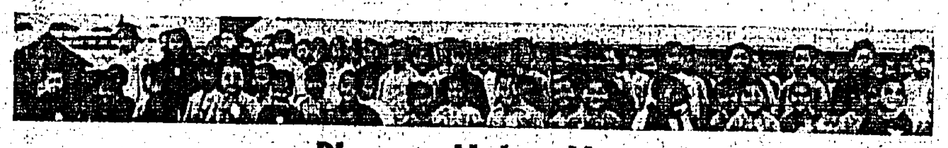

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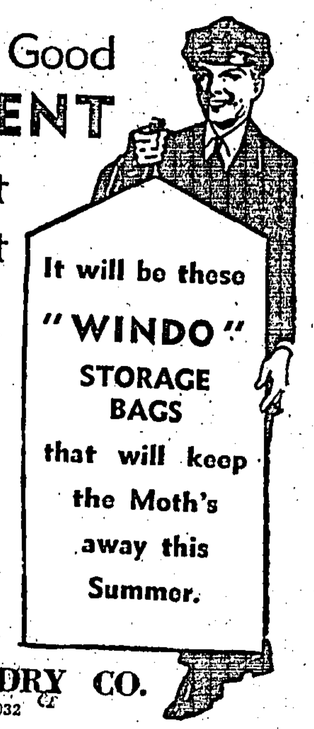

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TERRIBLE ACTIVITY BY CHINESE AND JAPANESE PLANES

IT IS ascertained that 50 buildings including a number of godowns were totally demolished, and 60 persons were maimed or killed during the Japanese air raids on Swatow yesterday.

The Japanese bombers attacked the unfortified treaty port twice in the morning.

The Black Bridge, Tungtui Road and Kwonghuafu were the main targets of the Japanese attacks. Fifty bombs, it is estimated, were dropped in this section of the city.

Two steam launches sailing from Swatow to Chaoyang were reported to have been bombed by the Japanese during another air rad staged by eight bombers early yesterday morning.

Rail communication between Swatow and Chaochowfu is disrupted at present as a result of the Japanese bombings which inflicted considerable damages on the railway at several points. The railway had been the main line of evacuation of Swatow inhabitants who had evacuated to the interior in thousands.

The Japanese attacks on the railway and steamers were made apparently, according to Chinese observation, to stop the Chinese civilian and material evacuation.

The Japanese bombers in the raids were reported to have taken off from a Japanese air-craft carrier which has been stationing with two cruisers at Namoa Island off the coast of Swatow.

50 CIVILIANS KILLED

Swatow, May 5.

More than 50 civilian casualties were exacted and an equal number of civilian houses, warehouses and factories wrecked during the Japanese air raids over here in the last two days, according to investigations.

During the air attack yesterday, the Japanese raiders rained some 50 bombs at Black Bridge and its vicinity, and also sprayed the city with machine-gun bullets.

Five or six civilians were killed and wounded at Chaochow, north of Swatow, when the Japanese raiders attacked the city later. Many rails on the Chaochow-Swatow Railway there were torn up.

A ferry plying between Swatow and Tunglung was hit by a bomb, killing four passengers and wounding ten others. Two other ferries plying between Swatow and Kityeung were also hit.—*Central News.*

ANOTHER RAID TO-DAY

Swatow, May 5.

The centre of the city was bombed and machine-gunned heavily this morning.

Civilian casualties were many.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE PLANES RAID JAPANESE POSITIONS

Siushui, Kiangsi, May 5.

Assisting in the Chinese land drive, a squadron of Chinese planes raided the Japanese artillery positions and field headquarters near Lientang, nine miles south of Nanchang, yesterday morning. Tons of high explosives were dumped, causing heavy damages.

Later, the Chinese winged their way to north Kiangsi, where they attacked Japanese troop concentrations and military establishments at various places.

All of them returned safely to an undisclosed base.

Fighting continues in the outskirts of Nanchang and Fenghsin, 23 miles west. Some 400 Japanese were slain in an engagement at Fenghsin on Wednesday when several more heights in the southeastern suburbs were occupied by the Chinese. Further isolating the Japanese inside the city, the Chinese have damaged practically all highways leading to the city.

Tsingan, 30 miles northwest of Nanchang, is also menaced by the Chinese.—*Central News.*

DIVISION WIPED OUT

Shanghai, May 5.

Chinese reports to-day state that a large squadron of Chinese planes yesterday attacked a Japanese division at Lientang 10 miles south of Nanchang in cooperation with Chinese artillery.

They said that for the first time the Chinese planes used 3,000 kilogramme bombs.

The reports claim that the Japanese division was virtually wiped out. —*United Press.*

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

Prices to-day showed signs of improvement coupled with a slightly better turnover. Sellers are holding aloof and until there is more of an advance in prices, trading will continue within narrow limits.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank $1,370.
Canton Insurance $220.
Union Insurance $440.
Douglases $67.
H.K. & K. Wharves $100.
H.K. Docks $16½.
Providents $4¼.
H. & S. Hotels $5¼.
H.K. Lands $32¼.
H.K. Realties $4.
H.K. Tramways $16.20.
Star Ferries $65.
China Lights (Old) $8.20
China Lights (New) $5¼.
H.K. Electrics $54¾.
Macao Electrics $10¼.
Telephones (Old) $21¾.
Canton Ices $1.
Dairy Farms Ex Rts. $20¼.
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Union Insurance $445.
China Lights (New) $5.45.

Sales

Hongkong Bank $1,362/70.
H.K. Docks $16.60.
H.K. Tramways $16.15.
China Lights (Old) $8.30.
Dairy Farms Ex Rts. $20½.
Dairy Farms Rts. $14½.
Vibro Piling $7½.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) 4/3½.
Antamoks Ps. 31½.
Baguio Gold Ps. 24.
Coco Grove Ps. 22½.
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I.X.L. Ps. 32.
San Mauricio Ps. 90.
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CHINESE GAIN IN SOUTH HOPEH, BUT LOSE LISHUI

KWEILIN, May 5.

UNDER CHINESE pressure, the Japanese at Nanlingchiao, on the Tsungyang-Tungshan highway in south Hupeh, made a hasty withdrawal to Sienning, 22 miles north on the Canton-Hankow Railway, under the cover of darkness on Wednesday night, according to field advices.

The Japanese are expected to make a stand at Sienning against the Chinese westward drive in south Hupeh which began with the recapture of Tungshan about a fortnight ago.

Reports from north Hunan indicate that a lull has again set in on the Yoyang front. A thousand Japanese troops at Yoyang have been dispatched elsewhere and a large quantity of provisions has been shipped to Hankow.

Chinese guerillas lurking in the outskirts of Yoyang are actively damaging Japanese communication lines.

CHINESE RE-OCCUPY MENGHSIEN

Loyang, May 5.

Menghsien, on the north bank of the Yellow River in northern Honan, which fell into Japanese hands some time ago, was once again restored to Chinese control on Monday.

The Chinese re-occupation followed a vigorous day-long counter-attack in which the Japanese suffered severe losses.

The city is now gradually returning to order with practic ly all government offices re-opened.

The defeated Japanese, in their retreat towards Posiang, north of Menghsien, were intercepted and surrounded by Chinese units on the way, suffering further losses.

LISHUI LOST AGAIN

Kwangteh, May 5.

Bitter fighting is raging in the outskirts of Lishui, about 35 miles south-east of Nanking.

The city, which was recaptured by the Chinese on Wednesday, was relost in a counter-attack by the Japanese upon the arrival of some 700 reinforcements from Nanking.

JAPANESE HARASSED

Suwen, Luichow Peninsula, May 5.

Harassed by Chinese guerillas, the Japanese are making no progress in Hainan Island.

Chongposhih in the district of Kiungtung, and Fupahwachong in the district of Lumko have both been recaptured by the guerillas. Over 30 Japanese were slain in action.

Japanese marines who landed at Po Ao on the east Hainan coast, are held in check at Kachek, a few miles inland.

JAPANESE LOSSES IN SHANSI

Sian, May 5.

Heavy losses are reported to have been inflicted upon the Japanese by Chinese forces north of Hotsin, in southwest Shansi, in a series of raids staged during the past few days.

On Tuesday, a serious clash occurred between the opposing forces at Kuchen, near Hotsin.

More than 400 Japanese driving towards the Chinese positions near Chishan, east of Hotsin, were badly beaten by the Chinese.

In the vicinity of Heilungkwan, northwest of Linfen, the Japanese suffered scores of casualties on Monday as a result of a fierce Chinese attack.

HEAVY DAMAGE TO JAPANESE COMMUNICATION LINES

Hingtsi, Shansi, May 5.

Japanese communication lines in Suiyuan and Shansi have been subjected to further damage by Chinese guerilla bands.

Approximately nine miles of the track on the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway were damaged. About 150 telegraph poles and many wires along the line were also torn down.

The heaviest damage was done at Maitachao, 53 miles west of Kweisui and 30 miles east of Paotow, where two and half miles of the track and a bridge were destroyed.

Great havoc was wrought with the southern sector of the Tatung-Puchow Railway in Shansi, where rails, bridges and culverts were systematically damaged. A northbound Japanese train was derailed at Changchinchwang between Tungkuo and Wensi as a result of damage to the track.—*Central News.*

Lt. Commander A. D. S. Murray, R.N. (Ret.), manager of the Far East Area of Imperial Airways Ltd., will leave for England on May 12 on short leave. During his absence, Mr. M. H. Curtis will act on his behalf.

KING TO MEET THE KING

Royal Visit To Canada, U.S.

QUEBEC, May 4.

IT IS ANNOUNCED that the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King will be the first to greet Their Majesties on May 15. He will board the Empress of Australia immediately the liner arrives at Wolfe's Cove in Quebec Harbour.

The Prime Minister will then accompany Their Majesties down the gangway to the dock where he will present them to Lieutenant-Governor Patenaude and Mrs. Patenaude, members of the Federal Cabinet and their wives, and the Premier of Quebec, Mr. Maurice Duplessis.

The King will then inspect the guard of honour, after which Their Majesties will proceed to the Provincial Buildings for Quebec's formal welcome.—*Reuter.*

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New York, May 4.	Opening	Closing
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July	8.27/27	8.26/26
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Chicago Corn

May	———	49⅛/49
July	50½/50⅝	50¾/50⅞
Sept.	51½/51⅝	51¾/51⅞

Winnipeg Wheat

May	———	65⅝/65⅝
July	65¼/65½	66½/66⅝
Oct.	66⅜/66⅝	67½/67⅝

BIG SUM RAISED

Charity Balls and Theatre Performances Profit

The Charity Balls given under the auspices of the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers Relief Association on the nights of March 31 and April 1 at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden yielded a total sum of $5,065.15, the net proceeds after deducting expenses being $3,657.55.

A series of Peiping theatrical shows sponsored by the same Association and given on March 26 and 27 in the Lee Theatre for the purpose of raising funds for relief work, brought in a gross sum of $4,066.60. The net proceeds amounted to $3,024.78.

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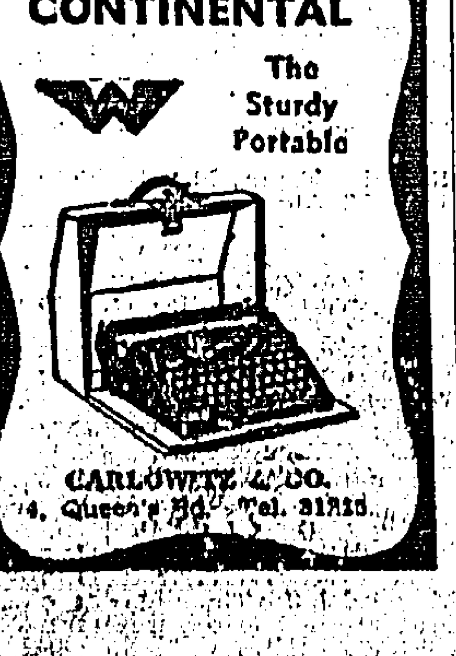

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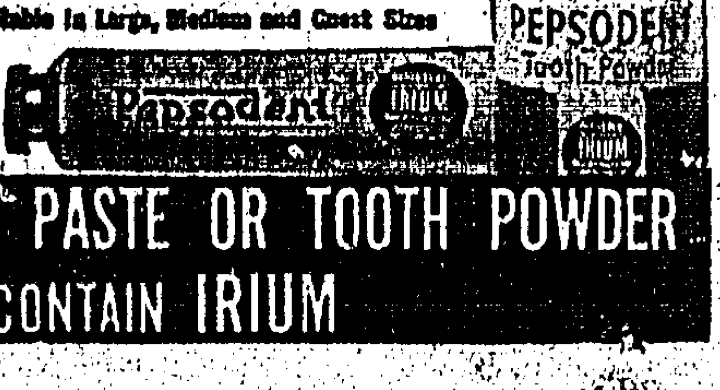

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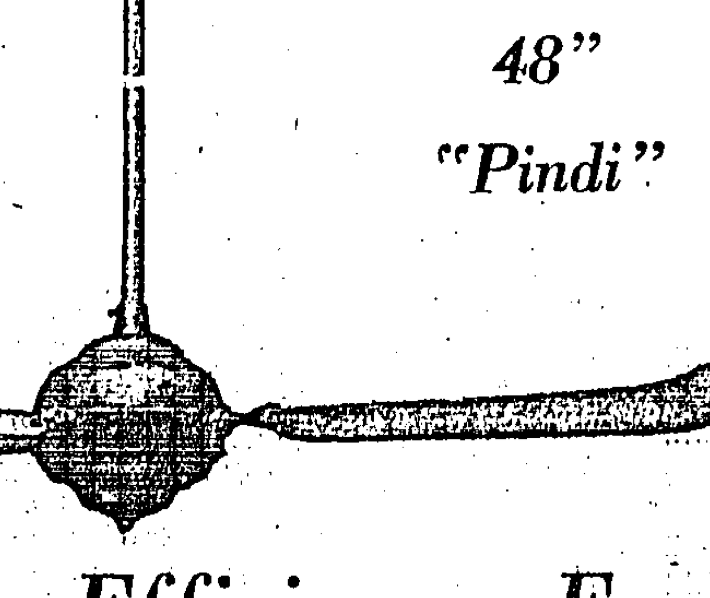

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $	1,300 s.
H.K. Banks, Lon. £	84½ n.
Chartered £	7⅞ n.
Mercantile, A. & B., £	27 n.
Mercantile, C. £	13 n.
East Asia $	80 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton $	225 b.
Unions $	445 s.
China Underwriter $	1.30 n.
H.K. Fire $	180 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas $ (x. d.)	67 b.
Steamboats $	15 n.
Indo-Chinas, P. $	60 n.
Indo-Chinas, D$	24 n.
Shell Bearers s/-	81/3 n.
Waterboats $	8.40 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	100 b.
Docks $	17 s.
Providents $	4½ s.
New Eng. Sh. $	7.05 n.
Sh. Docks, Sh. $	100½ n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	17/6 n.
Raubs $	8.55 n.
Venz: Goldfield $	3 n.
Hongkong Mines cts.	4 n.
Atamoks Ps.	.31½ sa.
Atoks Ps.	—
Baguio Gold Ps.	.24 sa.
Benguet Cons. Ps.	—
Coco Grove Ps.	.32½ sa.
Demonstrations Ps.	.13½ sa.
I.X.L. Ps.	.52 sa.
Itogons Ps.	—
Camarines Ps.	—
San Mauricio Ps.	.99 sa.
Suyoc Consols Ps.	—
Paracales Ps.	.58 sa.
LANDS	
Hotels $	5.65 s.
Lands $	32½ b.
Lands 4% deb. $	100 n.
S'hai Lands Sh. $	8.90 n.
Humphreys $	7.10 b.
H.K. Realties $	4.30 s.
Chinese Estates $	102 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	16.30 sa.
Peak Trams (old) $	8 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	4 n.
Star Ferries $	65 b.
Y. Ferries $. (x. d.)	22.00 n.
China Lights (old) $	8.30 sa.
China Lights (new) $	5¼ b.
H.K. Electrics $	54¾ b.
Macao Electrics $	16½ b.
Sandakan Lights $	12 n.
Telephones (old) $	21.75 b.
Telephones (new) $	7¼ n.
Tractions s/-	21/- n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	22/- n.
INDUSTRIAL	
Cald: Macg. (ord.), Sh. $	14 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pre.), Sh. $	13 n.
Canton Ices $	1 b.
Cements $	12.70 n.
H.K. Ropes $	3.00 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farm (ex. rts.) $	21 s.
Dairy Farms (rts.) $	14.75 b.
Watsons $	7¾ n.
Lane Crawfords $	8 n.
Sinceres $	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	42 n.
Powell, Ltd. $	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	18.80 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	113 n.
Zoong Sings, Sh. $	30 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $	40 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment $	6½ b.
Constructions, $	1¾ n.
Vibro Piling $	7¾ sa.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	
G. Bonds	64% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 3¾% prm.	b.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3½% par	b.
Marsmans (Lond.) s/-	14/4½ n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4/3½ sa.

MANILA SHARES

Closing quotations through Reuters:

	Bid Prices Afternoon Closing May 4.	Bid Prices Morning Closing May 5.
Antamok	.31½	Unq.
Atok	Unq.	Unq.
Baguio Gold	.24	Unq.
Batong Buhay	.016	.016
Benguet Cons.	Unq.	Unq.
Big Wedge	.27	.25½
Coco Grove	.32½	Unq.
Cons. Mines	.0025	.0025
Demonstration	.13½	Unq.
I. X. L.	.52	Unq.
Masbate Cons.	.12½	.12
Mine Operations	.12	.11½
Paracale Gumaus	Unq.	Unq.
San Mauricio	.99	1.00
Surigao Cons.	.20	.22
Suyoc Cons.	Unq.	Unq.
Syndicate Invest.	.035	.035
United Paracale	.58	.58

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila Gold Share market remained quiet throughout the morning session to close dull. Buying interest was lacking. Prices showed little change. San Mauricio gained one centavo, while Surigao advanced 2 centavos. Several fractional losses were registered.

DALADIER REAFFIRMS POLICY

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which we together, with an overwhelming majority of the people in the world, are determined to defend.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

POSITION VACANT

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fifty-Eighth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on **Thursday**, the 18th May, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th May to the 18th May, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 27th April, 1939.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Fifty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 25th May, 1939, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th May to the 8th June, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1939.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **Monday, the 8th day of May, 1939, at 3 p.m.,** at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stanley, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N. (feet)	S (feet)	E. (feet)	W (feet)	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
1	Rural Building Lot No. 121.	North West of Rural Building Lot No. 392, Island Road, Stanley.	as per sale plan.				About 26,000	$238	$6,500

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **Monday, the 8th day of May, 1939, at 3 p.m.,** at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N (feet)	S. (feet)	E. (feet)	W. (feet)	Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
2	Inland Lot No. 5503.	West of and adjoining Inland Lot No. 3685, Blue Pool Road, Wong Nei Chung.	as per sale plan.				About 37,660	$692	$18,830

BECK WILL BE FIRM, FORECAST

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Foreign Minister should make a conciliatory speech in Parliament to-morrow.

Colonel Beck is expected to proclaim Poland's readiness to continue a policy of friendship with Germany.

He will refuse to surrender Danzig but will propose negotiations with Germany and other interested powers. —*United Press.*

Polish Diet To Meet

WARSAW, May 4.—The Polish Chamber will meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning to hear Colonel Beck's reply to Herr Hitler.

Colonel Beck is expected to speak at 11.15. The speech will be broadcast throughout Poland, and relayed to the United States. There will be translations of the broadcast in English, French, and German.—*Reuter.*

Britain

No Deflation Policy Is Promised

London, May 4.

The assurance that the Government is not pursuing and does not intend to pursue any kind of policy of deflation was given by Sir John Simon, Chancellor of The Exchequer, in the House of Commons this afternoon, when the Conservative member for Evesham, Mr. R. de la Bere, asked whether during the past two months there had been a policy bordering on deflation, and did not the Bank of England, the Treasury and the Midland Bank seem to take very different view points.

Sir John Simon replied that inflation, deflation and all the rest of it were very difficult words. He believed that the Government was pursuing the right policy.

Mr. W. Craven-Ellis, Conservative for Southampton, asked if Sir John Simon was satisfied that the Bank of England's inflationary policy was likely to assist him in maintaining cheap money rates.

Sir John Simon agreed that a policy of cheap money rates on the whole was of great advantage.—*Reuter.*

Chungking A Funeral Pyre

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severely bombed by Japanese planes on Wednesday, was subjected to another ruthless aerial attack by Japanese warplanes yesterday.

The air raid alarm was raised at 5.20 p.m. when it was reported that 36 Japanese aircraft were seen heading for the city. A part of them were intercepted by Chinese pursuits over Pehpei, near Chungking, where dogfights occurred.

Twenty-seven machines broke into the city and for fully half-an-hour rained bombs in a haphazard fashion over the business and residential sections. Huge fires were started by the incendiary missiles dropped. Casualties and damage are heavy. The "all clear" was given around 6 o'clock.—*Central News.*

Earlier Report

Chungking, May 4.

Thirty-six bombers again raided Chungking to-day, and casualties are estimated at between 800 and 1,000.

One Japanese plane was shot down.

The bombers came in two groups, each of 18, and concentrated on certain military establishments which had been moved some time ago.

The bombs fell on the closely-packed surrounding houses, killing and wounding hundreds.

Thousands Homeless

Half of Chungking is without electric lights or the telephone service. Thousands are homeless, sleeping on the pavements.

In vivid contrast, the other half of the city is full of bright lights, and life is going on as usual.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, watched the raids yesterday and to-day.—*Reuter.*

Japanese Communique

SHANGHAI, May 5.—For the second time in the past two days, Japanese naval aircraft launched another large-scale attack on Chungking, China's second war capital, yesterday evening and bombed the Chinese air defence headquarters and military headquarters in the city, the Japanese Fleet Headquarters announced at 10 o'clock this morning.

During the attack, Japanese aircraft received intense anti-aircraft fire from the quarter comprising foreign consulates on the western outskirts of the city whereupon a Japanese air unit bombed and silenced the Chinese high-angle batteries in the sector, the communique points out.

As the result of the bombing attacks, Japanese pilots witnessed fire breaking out at a dozen places in the city.

Four Chinese pursuit planes appeared at the close of the bombardment, but were repulsed by Japanese raiders. All Japanese planes which took part in the attack returned to their bases the communique adds.—*Domei.*

Embassy Secretary Hurt In Raid

Shanghai, May 5.

Usually reliable foreign reports from Chungking state that the British Ambassador's secretary, Mr. John Tahourdin, was injured by a falling rock during yesterday's air raid, and he was taken aboard H.M.S. Falcon.

Communications with Chungking are so disorganised as a result of yesterday's raid, that it is impossible to obtain official confirmation from any source.—*Reuter.*

Returns From Trek

London, May 4.

After a 15,000 miles journey by train, sea, air, on horse-back and on foot, to investigate the possibilities of settling refugees in British Guiana, Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones and Sir Geoffrey Evans have returned to England.

They represented the British Government on a Commission suggested by President Roosevelt which was sent to British Guiana to inquire into the suitability of an area of 44,000 square miles on the Bolivian border for a refugee settlement.

The land is virgin forest and savannah country a prairie where the main industry is cattle raising. The mountains are deserted. A unanimous report has been presented to the President of the Commission at New York and forwarded to the British Colonial Secretary for consideration by Lord Hailey's Commission.—*British Wireless.*

CENSORSHIP IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, May 5.

The Commissioner of Police has sent a notification to all the Chinese-language papers in Shanghai, irrespective of their ownership, requiring that certain categories of news must be submitted and approved before publication.

Failure to comply with this will entail cancellation of the newspaper's registration, thus preventing its further appearance.

News liable to censorship includes any speech or manifesto referring to the present hostilities.—*Reuter.*

150,000 To Strike In America

New York, May 4.

The joint sub-committee negotiating for a settlement of the Appalachian coal strike, to-day announced its failure to agree, indicating that no step will be taken to countermand the earlier strike order calling out 150,000 miners in these regions at midnight.—*Reuter.*

ANGLO-SOVIET DEADLOCK?

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developments before giving expression to any opinion.

The question as to whether the resignation of M. Litvinoff will lead to a revision of Soviet foreign policy is posed by most of the Berlin evening papers.

Latest belief in Berlin is that Stalin's disinclination to work hand in hand with the western democracies is the cardinal factor which brought about the fall of the Soviet Foreign Commissar.

Soviet-Reich Relations

There are no indications of any intention on the part of Germany, to follow up this sensational Soviet move by seeking to modify its attitude towards the Soviet Union. In fact, the whole question of German-Soviet relations finds no mention in the German press.

Most of the newspapers this evening give prominence to the embarrassment caused in London and Paris by the news. Certain it is, says the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," Litvinoff went all out to get the Soviet Union to abandon the reserve imposed upon it by a former period of isolation and to lead it to the West with flying colours.

The "Angriff" reports that Litvinoff has already moved out of his luxuriously furnished palace and has taken a three-roomed flat.

Ambassadors To Be Recalled?

In all probability, says the paper, the Soviet Ambassadors to London and Paris, M. Maisky and M. Suritz will be recalled, as they were both close collaborators with Litvinoff.

A despatch from Warsaw says that at the conference held in the Kremlin on Wednesday, M. Stalin presided and among others present were M. Voroshiloff and M. Zdanoff. When it came to discussing the British proposals, a fierce dispute arose between Zdanoff and Litvinoff. It is believed that the Red Army is opposed to a foreign policy which would entail Soviet commitments of a far-reaching character.

When the conference ended, Litvinoff handed in his resignation.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Moscow Mystified

MOSCOW, May 5.—Officials are still declining to comment on M. Litvinoff's resignation, while foreign officials are mystified.

Notice of the resignation appears in a small space on the back page of the newspapers, while M. Molotov's appointment appears on the front page as an official announcement.—*United Press.*

Litvinoff In Disfavour?

PARIS, May 4.—Political observers believe that M. Litvinoff's resignation may be attributed to his consistent attitude of conciliation towards Great Britain.

They point out that after the mutual assistance systems between France, Poland and the Soviet Union proved ineffective, Moscow authorities decided to reform the Soviet diplomatic stand by reverting to their original isolationist policy.—*Domei.*

Warning To Britain?

Paris, May 4.

"Le Temps" writes to-day that it can be supposed that the Moscow Government regards the retirement of M. Litvinoff, who is supposed to be an Anglophile, as a sort of warning to the British Cabinet because of seeming hesitation to agree to Russia's propositions for an Anglo-Soviet alliance.

This is a question of diplomatic tactics rather than a change of policy.

The "Information" writes that the replacement of M. Litvinoff by M. Molotov may show that M. Stalin is going to take a personal hand in foreign policy will not change its general lines.

M. Litvinoff's resignation, says a London message, blighted the hopes of a sustained recovery on the London Stock Exchange, causing a subdued tone in most groups, though gilt-edged securites particularly rallied before the close. Industrials were irregular, and oils were distinguished by Attocks, which advanced on Indian buying.

Wall Street was quietly irregular. —*Reuter Special.*

Stars Booked For Queen's Theatre

Legmania, tap routines and ballroom dancing will be presented to Hongkong audiences at the Queen's Theatre on May 16 by The Tayleurs, John and Maureta, who hail from America.

Mr. Charles Rosselet, Manager of the Queen's Theatre, announced this morning that Miss Estelle Cowan is bringing a new array of talent to the Colony. Estelle will be remembered as the popular Mistress of Ceremonies when the Cowan and Bailey duo visited Hongkong.

The Tayleurs, feature artists of the show, have won fame and recognition in many of the leading night clubs and theatres in America.

They will present the latest vogues in ballroom dancing such as the tango, Mexican rhumba, waltz and foxtrot. John is an able tap dancer whilst Maureta also plays the piano and sings.

FAREWELL TEA PARTY

Popular Member of Indian Community Leaves

Ninety members of the Hindu Association gave a farewell tea party at the roof garden of the Hongkong hotel yesterday to the honorary general secretary, Mr. M. R. Deb, of the Medical Department, who is shortly going on eight months leave to Calcutta.

Mr. H. S. Rathour will act as general secretary during his absence.

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due.
Shanghai	Glenapp	May 6.
Shanghai	Gneisenau	May 6.
Tientsin and Swatow	Hupeh	May 6.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kingyuan	May 6.
Saigon	Lippe	May 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	May 6.
Java	Tjisalak	May 6.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuensang	May 6.
Straits	Anhui	May 7.
Haiphong	Canton	May 7.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 6th April.	Haruna Maru	May 7.
Japan	Regensburg	May 7.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Soochow	May 7.
Japan	Arabia Maru	May 8.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 3rd May	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**May 8.**
Japan	Tango Maru	May 8.
Java and Manila	Tjisadane	May 8.
Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	May 9.
Australia and Manila	Taiping	May 9.
Japan	Teiresias	May 9.
Shanghai	Lima Maru	May 10.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 3rd May.	**Pan American Airways plane**	**May 10.**
Saigon	Pres. Doumer	May 10.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.) London date, 13th April and London Parcels—London date, 6th April	Ranchi	May 10.
Shanghai	Talthybius	May 10.
Straits	Bhutan	May 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th May	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**May 11.**
Shanghai	Marechal Jaffre	May 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 15th April)	Pres. Harrison	May 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 21st April)	Pres. Pierce	May 11.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Friday		
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., May 5, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service".	**Air France Plane**	**Fri., May 5.**
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	May 5, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 5, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	May 5, 5 pm.
	Ord.,	May 5, 7 p.m.
Madang, Salamaua, Tulagi and Rabaul	Friderun	Fri., May 5, 7.00 p.m.
Papers only for Straits and (Parcels and Papers) for Calcutta	Santhia	Fri., May 5,
	Parcels	May 5, 5 p.m.
	Papers	May 6, 8.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Shanghai	Tanda	Sat., May 6, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K. L. M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam. 18th May	**Suwa Maru**	**Sat., May 6.**
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 6, 12.30 p.m.
	Ord.	May 6, 1.00 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 6th June	Suwa Maru	Sat., May 6.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 6, 12.45 p.m.
	Ord.	May 6, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Chuanchow	Haiching	Sat., May 6, 2 p.m.
Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Gneisenau	Sat., May 6, 4.30 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Haruna Maru	Sat., May 6, 5 p.m.
Sunday		
Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Shantung	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Haiphong	Taisang	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Japan	Yuensang	Sun., May 7, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Haiphong	Tunni	Mon., May 8, 9.00 a.m.
Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques and (Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban)	Arabia Maru	Sat., May 8, 2.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Pakhoi	Kwangtung	Mon., May 8, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Dairen	Lippe	Mon., May 8, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 15th May	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**Mon., May 8.**
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 8, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 8, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 15th May.	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**Mon., May 8.**
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 8, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 8, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 8, 7 p.m.
Tuesday		
Canton	Fatshan	Tues., May 9, 7.15 a.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Yunnan	Tues., May 9, 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Jean Dupuis	Tues., May 9, 2 p.m.
Chuanchow and Amoy	Kingyuan	Tues., May 9, 3.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Straits	Teiresias	Tues., May 9, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 17th May.	**Pan American Airways plane**	**Wed., May 10.**
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 10, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	May 10, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 10, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 7.30 a.m.
Wednesday		
Amoy	Tjisalak	Wed., May 10, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Yusang	Wed., May 10, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Pres. Doumer	Wed., May 10, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Taiyuan	Wed., May 10, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Wed., May 10, 2 p.m.
Thursday		
Swatow	Hangsang	Thurs., May 11, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia	Ranchi	Thurs., May 11, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 18th May	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**Tues, May 11.**
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 19th May	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**Tues., May 11.**
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	May 11, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	May 11, 7 p.m.
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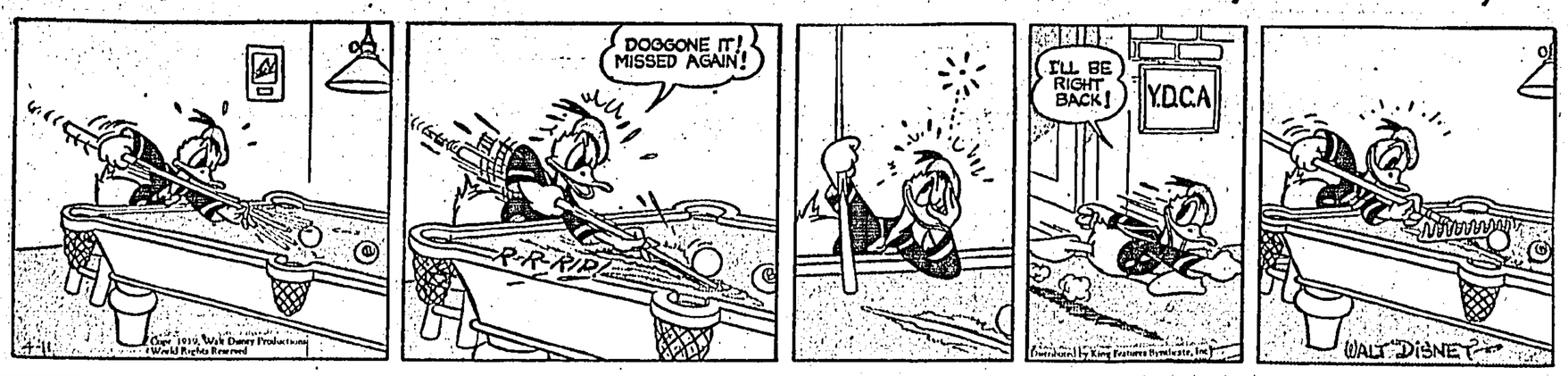

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GERMAN MOVE FOR ALLIES

BERLIN, May 4.

It is officially announced that Germany has reached an agreement with Latvia for a non-aggression pact.—*Reuter.*

ESTONIA, TOO

BERLIN, May 4.

It has been officially announced that Germany has signed a non-aggression pact with Esthonia and has also initialled a pact with Latvia.—*United Press.*

Reciprocal Contact

BERLIN, May 4.

IT HAS been reliably stated that Germany has moved to further extend their non-aggression front with tentative offers of mutual non-aggression pacts to Greece and other small Powers, in addition to the Scandinavian and Baltic countries.

Observers here express the belief that their objective is not only to safeguard the German northern flank in the event of war, but also to attempt to short circuit the democratic anti-aggression system.—*United Press.*

Seeks Other Pacts

Berlin, May 4.

That consultations with Estonia and Latvia—similar to those with the Scandinavian States—have taken place, and that they may eventually lead to negotiations regarding questions of security on a reciprocal basis, is not denied in official circles here.

Political quarters regard these contacts as logical consequences of the Fuehrer's declaration that Germany is willing to give non-aggression assurances to those countries which desired such assurances, on the condition, of course, that these are reciprocal.

With regard to Lithuania, it is pointed out that agreements reached with that country in connection with the incorporation of Memelland have already clarified the mutual relations of the two countries, and that they have agreed to refrain from the application of force in the settlement of eventual disputes.

Commenting on the recent statements of responsible Scandinavian statesmen, which have made it clear that these countries refuse to be drawn into alliances or blocs directed against other States, the diplomatic correspondent of the "Berliner Boersen Zeitung" declares that the definite rejection of political entanglements by the Scandinavian States must be regarded as an answer to President Roosevelt's invitation to participate in moral encirclement combinations. The paper says that none of the States to-day can be quite certain that it will not some day receive immoral proposals that might embarrass it and eventually jeopardise its neutrality. — *Trans-Ocean.*

Rome Talks

Berlin, May 4.

Official quarters emphasise that no concrete decisions or developments are expected as an immediate result of Herr von Ribbentrop's visit to Rome.

It is naturally important that Germany and Italy should discuss possible developments in connection with Danzig and Poland, and the position of Yugo-Slavia.—*Reuter.*

Gafencu In Venice

Rome, May 4.

M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, who left Rome to-day for Belgrade on the penultimate stage of his long tour of European capitals, broke his journey at Venice in order to see the Rumanian Minister to Hungary, who had arrived there the previous day.

Immediately upon reaching Belgrade, M. Gafencu will call on the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister, Dr. Marcovic.—*Trans-Ocean.*

THE "TELEGRAPH" will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

IT'S THE SIT-BY-THE-FIRES WHO STAY MARRIED

(Continued from Page 6.)

likes attract and marry is all wrong.

Measurements show that the tall man usually marries a tall woman with the same colour eyes, complexion, build, and so on.

And, of course, a man's range of prospective brides is limited to the circles he moves in.

All of which helps to ensure that most men get a wife very similar in every way to themselves.

One thing which makes for more divorces is that people are marrying later. People who marry before they are twenty-four have a slightly lower divorce rate than people who marry after.

Women especially have a better chance of making a successful marriage if they do it while they are young; they get a wider choice of husbands.

If a woman waits until thirty many of the eligible men in her circle will be married already. Maybe better never than late, in fact.

GOOD husbands and wives are usually quiet; unaggressive; their passions don't run high.

Bad ones are argumentative and restless at home. They are often ambitious, but they haven't got the mental stamina necessary to succeed.

They don't care what happens to other people providing the right things happen to them.

They're the sort of people who are only alive in public. They spend all the time they possibly can outside their homes.

They think of people who stay at home as people who have to stay at home because they aren't wanted anywhere else.

The idea of refusing an invitation from people they don't particularly like to do something which bores them simply doesn't cross their minds. They wouldn't think of refusing an invitation in order to stay at home and, say, listen to a concert on the radio.

And, looking at their homes, one doesn't blame them for trying to stay away.

Do you ever look round your home and loathe it? If you do it too often, beware.

Anthony Cotterell

Whipsnade's Baby Camel

A baby bactrian or two-humped camel born at Whipsnade can now be seen in the paddock with her mother. Nick-named Equinox, she is a quaint infant with long ungainly legs, a comparatively small body with two little curves in the back where the humps should be, and a woolly curly coat.

As she has not yet got full control over her legs, she walks with a staggering gait. Her brother, Hallelujah, born at Easter three years ago, is about to come to the London Zoo to earn his living by giving rides to young visitors. He has been in training for several weeks.

Baby wallabies have begun to make their appearance at the Zoo. Easter is always the time for these attractive and amusing Zoo infants, and although at present all that can be seen of them is their heads sticking out of the maternal pouches, they will soon be scrambling out and trying to walk.

Their unsteady walk is most comic. If alarmed they rush back to their mothers and often get into the pouches head first in their anxiety to be safe.

More Bomb Outrages In England

London, May 3.

Further bomb outrages believed to be connected with the Irish Republican Army, occurred during the night, damaging property in Holborn (London), Birmingham and Coventry. Tear gas bombs exploded in two Liverpool cinemas and caused 15 persons to be taken to hospital, but there were no casualties in any of the incidents.—*Reuter.*

Two Sent to Hospital

London, May 4.

Two men were sent to hospital after an explosion in Charing Cross Road at 9.20 a.m. to-day. The explosion is attributed to a bomb.

This place is in the heart of the West End, adjoining Trafalgar Square and the National Gallery.—*United Press.*

London Explosions

London, May 4.

Two explosions occurred outside shop windows in London this morning.

At Birmingham last night an explosion occurred in a private house. An Irishman, his wife and two daughters were arrested for questioning.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Tear Gas Used

London, May 4.

A series of new bomb outrages was reported late last night from Liverpool and Birmingham.

At Birmingham the police made one arrest and confiscated considerable quantities of explosives. The arrested man is alleged to be a member of the Irish extremist organisation.

At Liverpool tear gas bombs were thrown in the auditorium of two cinemas, creating a panic and necessitating the taking of 15 persons to hospitals.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Modification Of Conscript Bill Sought

London, May 4.

The British Labour Party last night announced its intention to table a new motion amending the British military conscription bill. The motion states that the recruiting of volunteers is quite sufficient for national defence and that the British Government is pursuing an irresponsible foreign policy and that rearmament was handled inefficiently.

The motion has been signed by the Labour Party leader, Mr. C. R. Attlee, his deputy, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, and by Mr. H. P. Lees-Smith. The latter will submit the motion to-day in the House of Commons.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Issues Statement

Belfast, May 4.

The Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Labour Party has issued a statement protesting against conscription and also repudiating Lord Craigavon's speaking for working men in Northern Ireland when he advocated conscription.—*United Press.*

Irish Labour Protests

Belfast, May 4.

The executive committee of the North-Irish Labour Party last night published a resolution protesting against the extending of the British military conscription bill to North Ireland.—*Trans-Ocean.*

BARTER PLAN

U.S. And Britain Agreement

London, May 4.

In the House of Commons the Prime Minister announced that negotiations have been opened with the United States for an exchange of certain raw materials required as strategic reserves in both countries.

The initiative in this matter came from the United States and the Government is fully alive to the importance of the suggestion.

While fully sharing the United States Government's objections to attempts to substitute barter for ordinary international trade, the Government agreed that in special circumstances at the present time an exchange of materials which would not enter into normal commerce was not open to the same objections, provided world prices were not increased.—*Reuter.*

LOST MOSQUITO NET FOUND PAWNED

Thief and Shop Foki Face Court Charges

An Indian constable's mosquito-net which had been hung out to dry at Quarry Bay police station, disappeared on April 12 and was discovered in a pawnshop.

Before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Kong Pan, 27, unemployed, was charged with the theft, and Ng Kau, 23, assistant accountant of the Wing On pawnshop, Main Street, Saiwanho, with receiving marked goods into pawn.

Inspector Russell said the net had apparently been blown by the wind through a hole in the compound wall, and Kong had taken it. It was valued at $9 and pawned for 88 cents. The net was stamped "H.K.P." with the constable's number.

Ng admitted he had been careless in receiving the net, but declared he had not noticed the marking as he had given it only a casual examination.

Kong was sentenced to a month's hard labour and Ng was fined $100, or three months' hard labour. The net was ordered to be returned to the Police without payment.

IRON GRILLE STOLEN

A fine of $25, or two months' hard labour, was imposed on Kwan Chun, 20, unemployed, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday for the theft of an iron grille, valued at $30, from the roof of a house in Lockhart Road.

Sgt. Cashman said Kwan had the help of another man in stealing the grille, which was pulled off its fastenings with a hammer. It was extensively damaged.

FORCED TO STEAL

Because his mother had left him and he had to sleep in the streets with no employment, he resorted to stealing food. This was the excuse given by Man Wo, 17, unemployed, to Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday when he was charged with the theft of two rolls of cloth from a shop in Queen's Road West.

Mr. Edwards bound Man over in $25 for a year and ordered that $2 from the Poor Box be given him as expenses for his trip back to his village.

BRIBERY ALLEGED

Indian Constable Charged At Kowloon Magistracy

Lance Sergeant Amrik Singh appeared before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on four counts of receiving bribes, totalling $3.60, and four alternative charges of misconduct as a police officer by taking gratuities.

E. G. Post of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs prosecuted, and Singh was represented by Mr. Hinshing Lo.

Mr. Post said that he interviewed several fish stall holders of the Mongkok market at his office and was told an Indian constables had been asking the stall holders to pay them money, which would prevent them from being prosecuted for causing obstructions in the market when fish was being unloaded. Money were marked and given the stall holders.

"On March 17," said Mr. Post, "I saw the Indian Sergeant go to the various stalls. Shortly after, I arrested him inside the market. In each of his hands and his shirt pocket there was money. Among the money was most of the marked money."

Testifying, Wong Wai, a stall fokl of the Market said that he had made the payment on March 17 to prevent prosecution. Defendant put out his hand and said "collect Sunday money."

Mr. Lo: Had your master asked you to pay squeeze to a constable before?—He did, but the money was not marked.

Mr. Lo: Have you ever been ill-treated by the defendant?—No.

Further hearing was adjourned to May 11, at 2.30 p.m.

"Lover's Lane" Back

Norwalk, O.

The "Lovers' Lane" of Norwalk, which had been converted into an unsuccessful rabbit-breeding ground by the state, will be returned to its original status if residents are successful in their efforts to convert it into a state park.

Haiphong To Become Free Port?

Hanoi, May 4.

In response to repeated petitions of the Chinese, the French Indo-China authorities are considering the possibility of making Haiphong a free port. It is pointed out that since the end of last year the Chinese have been continuing the movement to open Haiphong and enliven the transit of goods to China through French Indo-China.

The question was first raised 40 years ago and in April, 1901, the Haiphong Chamber of Commerce submitted a report to the Overseas Trade Council in France stressing the advisability of opening the Indo-China port. On April 24, this year, the Haiphong Chamber of Commerce again agreed on the plan.

It is understood that the Governor of French Indo-China will negotiate with his home Government in response to the suggestions.—*Domei.*

ANNAM REFUGEE ZONE

Hanoi, May 4.

In an effort to prevent clashes between Annamese and Chinese, the French Indo-China authorities are contemplating the advisability of establishing special zones to accommodate Chinese refugees.

In the event of the plan materialising, all important districts in French Indo-China will be provided with concentration camps for Chinese refugees.—*Domei.*

INDO-CHINA EMBARGO

Hanoi, May 4.

Local merchants engaged in the export of iron ores to Japan, including the Indo-China Industrial Company affiliated with Japanese interests, are seriously threatened with the prolonged embargo on shipment of iron ores from the colony.

The ban on ores shipment was completed when the Governor of French Indo-China was ordered by his home Government to suspend the system of licensing. The Indo-China Industrial Company which has been planning to export 20,000 tons of iron ores per month, this year, is anticipated even to suspend business totally.

The Hokko Maru, 5,000-ton freighter, after waiting eight days, left Haiphong on April 24 without shipping any cargo.—*Domei.*

Social Items

The Brownies will hold their Revels at the Girl Guide Headquarters, Sandilands Hut on Saturday at 3 p.m. Lady Pollock has promised to present the Totem to the winning Pack at the annual competition.

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Weddings will take place in Hongkong shortly between the following couples: Mr. Alfred Trevor Godfrey, chartered surveyor, to Miss Constance Ireene Mellor, nursing sister, residing at Marble Hall Hotel (Annexe), Kowloon; Mr. John Richard Sykes, police officer, of the Water Police Station, Hongkong, to Miss Marie Madeline Claire Engelbrecht, of 32 Kai Tak Bund, Kowloon City; Mr. Cheng Kam-shing, clerk in the Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department, to Miss Li Poon-yan, of 111 Caine Road, Hongkong; and Mr. Ip Pok-man, merchant, to Miss Cheng Yan-ning, of 318 Canton Road, Kowloon.

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At St. Andrew's Cathedral recently Mr. Guy V. Neubronner, incorporated accountant of Evatt & Co., Singapore and Miss Olga Mary Gunner, of the General Hospital, Johore Bahru, were married. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. S. Hunter Neubronner of 23, Grange Road Singapore, and the bride the daughter of Mrs. Isabelle B. Gunner of Winchmore Hill, London, England.

GANGSTERS AT 15

LONDON.

Two 15 year old boys, accused in the juvenile court at Liverpool were stated to have stripped another boy of all clothing except his shirt and to have used him as a human target for darts fired through an air pistol. The victim was 11, and a stranger to the boys who after giving him chocolate made him descend into a deserted pit. After one dart had pierced his thigh they made him hold out his arm and another stuck in his finger. The boy ran and the others chased him hurling big clinkers, cutting his head and bruising his face as he fell and lay helpless. He was left but recovered and his mother took him to hospital. The magistrate remanding the two accused in custody for a week to consider their penalty remarked "Flogging is the only at punishment for you, but unfortunately we are not allowed to order it in this court".

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6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Kinda lonesome; (b) Black Eyes; (c) Two sleepy people; (d) Sensation.

6.14 Record: Baby, Whatcha Gonna Do To-night (film 'Good Morning Boys'); Head Over Heels In Love (film 'Head over Heels')....Lilli Palmer (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Japan And New Naval Building Race

Tokyo, May 4.

Replenishment of armaments by Western Powers in the Far East demonstrates increasing political pressure directed against Japan in connection with the latter's efforts for construction of a new order in East Asia, declares a pamphlet issued by the Publicity Bureau of the Navy Ministry entitled "Thirty-Fourth Navy Day."

Reviewing the naval building race now in full swing among the Naval Powers, the booklet says that 15 battleships are now under construction in Great Britain, the United States, France, Italy and Germany with another six planned by Great Britain and the United States.

Describing the fortifications of the Pacific Ocean by Great Britain and the United States, the pamphlet calls attention to Wake, Midway, and Johnston Islands, Alaska, Aleutian Islands, Singapore and Port Darwin.

The pamphlet says that the Soviet Navy is anxious to open a waterway through the Arctic to the Far East, concentrating 60 submarines at Vladivostok and other bases in the Far East. The pamphlet understands that 1,500 Soviet planes are standing by.

It declares that the Japanese Navy will leave nothing to be desired in building up a powerful fleet to meet Japan's special requirements in the face of the current international situation.

Emphasising the vital importance of maintaining command of sea, the pamphlet states that in case Japan's naval strength weakens, foreign intervention is sure to follow in the proposed construction of a new order in East Asia.—*Domei.*

6.21 (a) Blue Venetian Waters; (b) Jungle Drums; (c) Wanna; (d) Calentito.

6.35 Records: "The Great Ziegfeld"—Fox-Trot Medley.....The Keyboarders (Two Pianos and Drums); It Sends Me (Hawkins)....Coleman Hawkins (Saxophone) with 'Buck' Washington at the Piano.

6.44 (a) At your beck and coll; (b) Could be; (c) I hadn't anyone until you (d) Christopher Columbus.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 **'Cello Solos' by Beatrice Harrison.**

Caprice (Delius); Elegie (Delius)...with Orchestra; Adagio (Marcello, arr. Salmon); Pastorale; Reel (Cyril Scott)....with Piano accompaniment by Margaret Harrison.

7.15 **Strauss—Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme, Suite Op. 60.**

Walther Straram Orchestra (of Paris).

7.47 **Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).**

Morgen, Op. 27, No. 4 (Strauss); Standchen, Op. 17, No. 2 (Strauss)...with Violin Obbligato by Isolde Menges and Orchestra; Be Praised, Thou Peaceful Night ('The Vagabond'—Zichrer)....with Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 **Quentin Maclean at the Organ.**

Edward German Selection; With Eric Coates Thro' London (Knightsbridge to London Bridge).

8.15 **Studio—Interview with Miss Genevieve Tobin and Mr. William Keighley.**

8.30 **Studio—Concert by The Harmony Three and Hal Lorenzo.**

9.00 **J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.**

My Sweetheart When A Boy (Morgan-arr. Willoughby); Silver Threads Among The Gold (Danks-arr. Willoughby); A Venetian Barcarolle—Serenade (arr. Willoughby)....with Vocal Quartette.

9.15 **London Relay—The News.**

9.30 **London Relay—'More Food for Thought'.**

Short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.45 **London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.**

9.50 Next week's programme.

9.55 **Military Band Music.**

Coronation Processional Music (Selected from the Music in the Royal Procession, Coronation Day, May 12th, 1937)....Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards conducted by Major George Miller.

10.00 **London Relay—'Scrapbook For 1929'.**

Memories and melodies of ten years ago. Presented by Leslie Bally and Charles Brewer. The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra conducted by Louis Levy.

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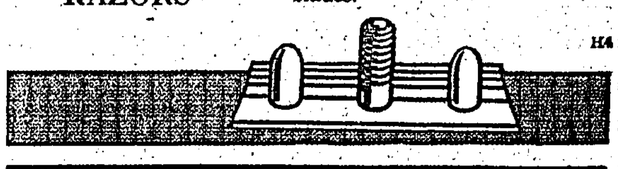

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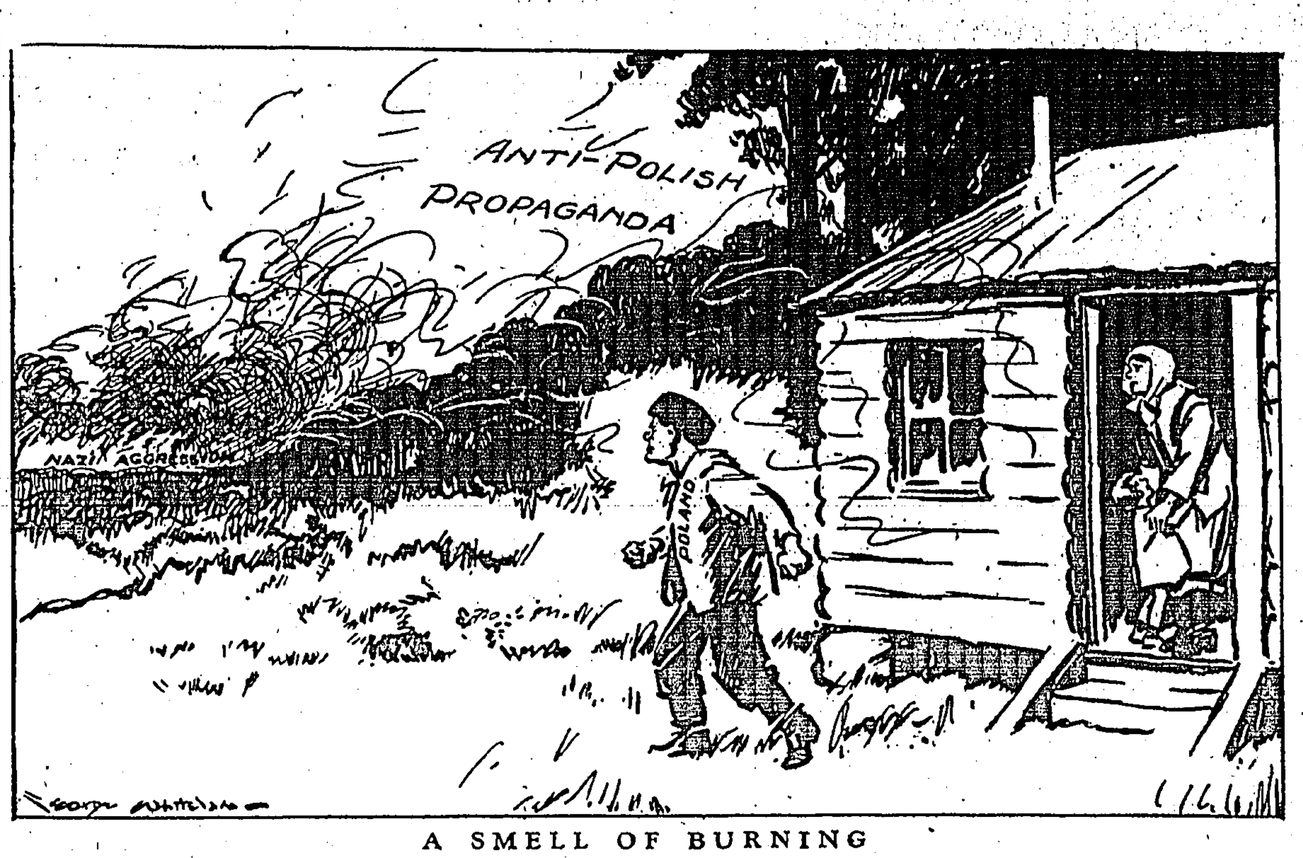

A SMELL OF BURNING

The Hongkong Telegraph.
Wyndham St., Hongkong
'Phone 26615
May 5, 1939

Brain-wave!

ON TUESDAY Britain deported six Germans as undesirable. Germany counters yesterday by deporting six Britons. Belgium joins in by deporting a German.

We see great possibilities if this is kept up.

Britain should retaliate now for yesterday's deportations by deporting some more Germans. Then Germany will retaliate again.

If only all the nations will join in this merry little game, we'll be able to settle Europe's minority problem. Let's deport all the Germans back to Germany, and the Germans can deport all their aliens back to their own countries and everyone will be happy.

It's what Hitler wants, isn't it?

105th Time

IT IS an anti-climax to read that the League Council is assembling for its 105th session on May 15.

China is the big subject on the agenda, but what on earth will the League do except once more to deplore the hostilities. Even "gestures" are beyond Geneva now.

The one useful offshoot of the meeting will be to allow Lord Halifax, who is representing Britain, and the other delegates to get together and thrash out this problem of a united front against aggression, which is taking so long in coming to fruition.

It is highly improbable that the Council meeting will last more than a few hours and it is highly probable that it may be the last meeting of the League.

China Station

THE DEPARTURE from Hongkong during the week-end of H.M.S. Cardiff, en route to England for refit and recommission, and the impending arrival of H.M.S. Edinburgh is more significant than might appear at first sight.

It is all part of the steady building up of Britain's naval strength in the Far East. The 10,000-ton cruiser is already en route to Hongkong with 8-inch guns and the Edinburgh carries twelve 6-inch guns, as compared with the five of the Cardiff, and is considerably faster.

The China Squadron has never regained the strength of pre-war days, when Hongkong saw battleships in its harbour. Britain has not had the ships to spare because of the Washington limitation.

The East Indies and China Squadrons are gradually taking shape. In emergency they would join together to form a fairly powerful homogeneous squadron.

It's The Sit-By-The-Fires Who Stay Married

IF Britain's divorce rates go on increasing the way they have been for the past sixty years, then by 2086 the majority of marriages will end in divorce.

Sounds unlikely, doesn't it? But no one knows any good reason why things shouldn't develop that way.

You can learn a lot about how to run a marriage from studying how and why people fail. And it may sharpen your thirst for knowledge to know that divorced people die young. (Their death-rate is as high as that of widowed people, though they are much younger.)

The chances of your getting divorced depend on the way you live, and the way you live is largely determined by your job.

Analyse the jobs of the men who get divorced in any one year, and you'll get a table like this:—

	Per cent.
Services	22
Artistic professions	18
Leisured classes	16
Commercial travellers	
"Poor persons" (not classified under other headings)	12
Business people	10
Lawyers	3
Doctors	2
Unclassified	2
Clergymen	1

More interesting than most tables, isn't it? Well, so it ought to be. It may hit you in the heart.

ALL the same, for most people it's still something to read about in the papers, like hunting, shooting, and the classier kinds of fishing.

They are still rather proud of knowing a divorcee; in the same way that it gives most young men a kick to know an actress, however depressingly virtuous she may be.

If you live in London the chances of knowing either are about the same. Eight thousand of Britain's 35,000 divorcees (about 21,000 women, 14,000 men) live there, and about the same number of actresses.

HOW TO BE HAPPY EVEN AFTER . . . .

The reason for this little snobbery is that on the whole you find a more glamorous and adventurous crowd of people in the divorce courts than you do entered for the Dunmow Flitch. It may be praiseworthy to keep the aspidistra flying, but nobody cares.

THE table at the beginning of this article shouts aloud that the secret of successful marriage is to learn how to stay at home.

We are losing that art, as they are in the United States, where the sewing machine trade has been on the down for years.

You find that people who spend their lives working among divorcees are inclined to attribute the rising figures to all sorts of sinister causes, such as immorality, crime, insanity, sexual maladjustment.

But 50 per cent. of the people who come to the divorce courts have been married more than ten years (though the fifth year is the most dangerous). And surely any big mental abnormality or physical incompatibility should appear before that.

No, the reason for most divorces is lack of a proper home and children.

Forty-two per cent. of divorced marriages are childless, 33 per cent. have only one child.

And if you look at that table again you'll see that the men whose work comes under the top four headings don't stay home much for one reason or another.

Men in the services are always being sent somewhere else, which means being separated a lot from their wives, and absence makes the heart wander.

Secondly, they have plenty of leisure.

Then there's the cost of high living which they have to go in for without having enough money to pay for it.

The artistic professions, second on the list, also have their share of money troubles.

But what lands them in the cart more than anything, apart from having bad homes and no children, is self-centredness. So many of them think they are entitled to consider their own feelings and requirements to the exclusion of every one else's.

DOES it surprise you that the services come top? Most people expect the leisured classes to win.

And, of course, if the leisured classes took every emotional deviation into the courts they would come out right in front. But they don't take infidelity to heart so.

You may say that the leisured classes' high position on the table rather breaks down the home-is-the-secret-of-successful-marriage theory. They certainly have good homes.

But home doesn't mean a thing to the sort of rich people who land in the divorce courts. Other people's money and brains furnish it and run it for them. It's a toy, not a home.

It's not much more to them than the room which a commercial traveller hires for the night.

Plenty of clergymen, doctors, and lawyers would like to get divorced, but it would ruin them, so they carry on just as they are; not married, simply not divorced.

I was talking about this the other day with old Mrs. Tiedeman, who runs the Divorce Law Reform Union from a dingy basement office in Chancery-lane, and she says that a tremendous lot of civil servants want to get divorced, but don't, for the same reasons.

Well, of course, everybody wants to get divorced at some time, but if you've got a home and children it's not so easy.

ARE you saying, What about the woman? What's the use of explaining away divorce in terms of men's jobs, and so ignoring 50 per cent. of the parties?

But it's all right. For that old and popular idea that un-

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"The things we have will fill out this room nicely, except for that corner and I think Grandpa will just fit in there."

PUBLIC PROTESTS IN LONDON AND BELFAST AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS in London and Belfast against the proposed conscription were made yesterday, these being the first organised expressions of anti-conscription sentiment. The West End of London was chosen last evening by some 2,000 workers who were called together by Leftist organisations. They marched through Oxford Street, Regent Street, and Piccadilly, carrying large flags with protests against the Government's measures.

In Belfast, 2,000 members of the Irish Republican Army, and their friends, collected in the streets last evening, appealing against conscription.

Strong police detachments tried to suppress the demonstration. However, there were no incidents, the crowd, after singing the Irish soldiers' song of the 1916 Easter rebellion, voluntarily dispersing.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Irish Proclamation

Belfast, May 4.

A proclamation was read at a demonstration of the Irish Republican Army to-day.

"All Army units of the six Ulster counties are to hold themselves in readiness for immediate response to orders from Headquarters. Arms and equipment must be ready for distribution and Commanding Officers are instructed to supervise all details. The civilian population, without any distinction of religious or geographical distribution, will be protected from military interference by Britain. Enemy preparations, whether they are presented as propaganda or pretended precautions must be ignored and a policy of complete non-cooperation enforced.—*United Press.*

800,000 MEN TO BE CONSCRIPTED IN U.K.

London, May 4.

MOVING THE second reading of the Military Training Bill in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the bill would produce 200,000 men this year, and 800,000 in the three years of its currency.

He declared that, so far as he could judge from the evidence from different parts of the country, the view that he had already expressed that the careful disposal of the Government's proposals would dispose of fears and doubts about the idea of conscription had been confirmed.

People Determined

"There can be no possible manner of doubt that the determination of the British people to put themselves in a position fully to carry out the undertakings which they have been giving, as evidenced by this great departure from an old tradition, has created a very profound respect all over Europe."

Mr. Chamberlain dwelt on the position of conscientious objectors, who, he considered, had been dealt with in a broad-minded manner.

He anticipated that the temptation to take advantage of the provisions in this respect would be less than in the last war because it was not now contemplated that men would be asked to serve overseas, or to fight in trenches, but to undertake a comparatively short period of compulsory training.

The Government desired to respect scruples were they conscientiously held. There would be no persecutions.

"Bob A Day" Tommies

Dealing with the question of pay and allowances, the Premier said that militiamen would receive one shilling a day during the initial period of six months without addition for rank or trade, but there would be no stoppages. The conditions when the men pass into the auxiliary services would be determined later.

Special allowances for total dependants would be 17 shillings a week, 12 shillings a week for partial dependants, and 17 shillings a week for a wife with the customary allowances for children.

The Government proposed to reduce to 20 the age at which family allowances were paid in the regular and auxiliary forces which at present was considerably higher than the age of the new militiamen.

Ireland Omitted

Mr. Chamberlain announced that the bill would not be applied to Northern Ireland, and would be accordingly amended. Lord Craigavon, with whom he conferred, had left the decision to the United Kingdom Government, who was desirous of avoiding differences which must arise if the bill was applied there at present.

As a recognition of Northern Ireland's patriotism, it had been decided to constitute a force on the supplementary reserve basis, in the form of a light tank unit of the Royal Armoured Corps.

Mr. Chamberlain, in concluding, made an appeal in the following words: "The sooner we get this bill through the sooner we can assure the safety of the country, and the greater will be the effect on the different countries in Europe."

Opposition Amendment

Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith (Lab.) moving the Opposition amendment, maintained that the voluntary system would have provided all the men required. Scenes of enthusiasm and queues of men waiting to join outside the territorial drill-halls convinced him there was no need for conscription in Britain.

To introduce this enormous elaboration of continental conscription into Britain for the sake of inducing young men to go to camp for three to six months, was really to use a steam hammer to crack a nut.

Volunteers Favoured

Mr. Lees-Smith contended that compared with Mr. Chamberlain's figures of 200,000 for training under conscription, the voluntary system, with reserves of men who had been trained under it, could produce 700,000 men.

Sir Archibald Sinclair also spoke in favour of the voluntary system, and added that the preservation of peace depended on our strength, moral firmness, and the ability to impress that in good time upon the consciences of the rulers of other countries, and also on co-operation between ourselves and the other peace-loving nations.

"We must also convince the German and Italian people that our feelings are friendly towards them," added Sir Archibald.—*Reuter.*

Cheers For Eden

Sir Hugh O'Neill, the member for County Antrim, said that the reason for the exclusion of Northern Ireland from the bill was that the head of another State thought it right and proper to interfere, and had made the British Government change its mind.

Mr. Anthony Eden, who was greeted with cheers, denied that the voluntary system had altogether ceased to exist. It was true we were accepting a new principle, but he did not think anybody wanted to curtail the liberties of a subject.

Mr. Eden expressed the opinion that it was ridiculous to suggest that the introduction of conscription was the first step towards a totalitarian regime in this country. The House of Commons could immediately stop any movement in that direction, and there was no doubt that it would. There could be no compulsory service of any kind in this country unless it had an overwhelming measure of voluntary support.—*Reuter.*

Scene In House

London, May 4.

There was a "scene" in the House of Commons to-day.

At one moment the House was listening with quiet intentness to Mr. Chamberlain's explanation of the effects of the Military Training Bill (Conscription) and the next pandemonium broke out.

All because the Premier had said: "It has been decided not to extend conscription to the six counties of Northern Ireland."

That did it! A section of the House rose and roared its protest, and some time elapsed before the Speaker could restore order to enable Mr. Chamberlain to resume his speech, says a "Trans-Ocean" message.

Government's Conduct

London, May 4.

Mr. J. Kirkwood said that the men of the Clyde would rather strike than yield to conscription.

Mr. D. R. Grenfell, winding up for the Opposition, said that this country was not going down, but if the opinion that it was had been created abroad, it was due to the conduct of the British Government.

The Minister for Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, said that those who predicted the voluntary system would break down immediately conscription was introduced would be proved wrong. He quoted figures showing that the proposed conscription measure had not adversely affected recruiting in the past few weeks.

Introduction of the bill had a more profound and steadying effect in Europe than any other event in recent weeks.—*Reuter.*

PEOPLE DEMAND PEACE

Premier Requested To Tell Germany

LONDON, May 4.

THE British Committee for a "New Peace Conference," which is said to have over 1,000,000 supporters, has forwarded a letter to Mr. Chamberlain demanding that in view of the reproaches made by Herr Hitler about the hostility of England to Germany, a message be directed to the German people in which the common interest of the British and German peoples in the maintenance of peace should be emphasised, the reproaches be refuted, and the fact stressed that England is prepared to make a positive contribution towards stolid economic security.

"The great majority of British people," the letter states, "harbour no kind of hostile feeling towards any people, and whatever uneasiness it might have about the consequences of the German policy, the British people, as hitherto, are by no means convinced that fundamental differences need exist in the interests of the two nations, or that war between them necessary, and that should it ultimately occur, it will be a catastrophe for both peoples alike."

The Prime Minister is called upon in this letter to make a declaration to this effect at an early opportunity, and to adopt whatever extraordinary methods may be necessary to bring this declaration to the knowledge of the whole German people.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Australians And Conscription

CANBERRA, May 4

A motion condemning collective security was passed by the Federal triennial Labour Conference to-day, which adopted the policy firstly, of complete defence of Australia, secondly, assistance only to other members of the British Commonwealth, and thirdly, opposing conscription.—*Reuter Special.*

INDIAN LEADER SAYS "ENLIST"

Madras, May 4.

Rao Bahadur Raja, prominent leader of the depressed classes, has appealed to them to "respond quickly, spontaneously and generously to the trumpet call of duty" by enlisting in the army.—*Reuter Special.*

FREEDOM OF PRESS AT LAST!

Russia Withdraws Censorship

RUSSIA has withdrawn her censorship against despatches sent by foreign correspondents.

This surprising news, says "Trans-Ocean" was conveyed to correspondents by the chief of the press service of the Soviet foreign affairs commissariat to-night.

The censorship will cease immediately, but correspondents were simultaneously warned that those who in future spread "hostile" reports or reports detrimental to the prestige of the Soviet-Union, would be expelled from the country

Foreign correspondents were totally surprised by the new concession as the preliminary censorship, as it is called, has been in existence since the Soviet regime started. The lifting of the restriction is attributed to the initiative of the new Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Molotov.

Anglo-German Naval Pact Posers

London, May 4.

In connection with the abrogation of the Anglo-German naval agreement, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Stanhope was asked whether this would involve changes in the new construction programme, and whether the Government intended to negotiate with Germany about a new treaty.

Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, replied that the first part of the question touched on one of the matters which would need examination, while as regards the second part of the question, the answer was given by the Prime Minister on Wednesday.—*Trans-Ocean.*

The Premier replied to a similar question on Wednesday that the Government was uncertain whether the German denunciation of the treaty also contained a desire by Germany to conclude a new agreement.

Recognition Of Slovakia

Bratislava, May 4.

The British Consul here to-day informed the Slovakian Foreign Minister that Britain has, *de facto* recognised the Slovak State.—*Trans-Ocean.*

No Conscription For Northern Irishmen

LONDON, May 4.—Introducing the Conscription Bill for the second reading in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said if the Bill runs for the three full years as is planned at present, 800,000 conscripts will be trained.

He announced that the measure would not be applied to North Ireland.—*United Press.*

Genevieve Tobin In Hongkong

GOES TO CHINATOWN AFTER HUBBY HAS BOUGHT SOME SUITS

THE LIFE of a film star and her director husband when on holiday must indeed be trying to judge from the hectic time that Genevieve Tobin and William Keighley are spending in Hongkong to-day.

Film representatives, reporters and curious film stars besieged the couple when they stepped off the Empress of Japan this morning.

They were escorted to the Hongkong Hotel where a suite of rooms had been booked.

Mr. Keighley, who is suffering from the after effects of a small-pox inoculation, decided that his winter clothes were unsuitable for a summer day here and, looking ahead to hot days in Saigon, Singapore and Bali, requested that a Chinese tailor make him summer suits within 24 hours.

It took nearly half an hour for the tailor to measure the film director who by this time was showing the effects of strain. Then, arrangements for their travelling had to be discussed with a Cook's representative.

The famous couple have decided to leave to-morrow at 6.30 a.m. on an Air France plane for Saigon.

Miss Tobin, who is a poor air traveller, is not especially looking forward to this part of the journey.

From Saigon they will proceed to Bangkok and from there to Angkor which they both are extremely anxious to visit. They have heard so much from other film stars who have already visited Angkor that they feel it would be criminal to miss it from their itinerary.

From Angkor they will travel to Singapore and Bali returning to Singapore to catch the steamer Victoria which will transport them to Europe.

After the Chinese tailor and the Cook's representative had taken their leave of Miss Tobin and her husband, it was discovered that the purchase of a raincoat was of vital importance.

SIGHT-SEEING

The party left the Hongkong Hotel at 10.45 a.m., bought the raincoat and set out on a sight-seeing visit. They were most interested in the Chinese section of the town at West Point and spent an interesting time in Cat Street (commonly known as Paddy's Market).

Like many tourists before them, Miss Tobin and Mr. Keighley then visited the Peak and from there proceeded to Repulse Bay where they had tiffin.

At 5 p.m. they intend to be present at a tea dance in the Hongkong Hotel which has been arranged by several local film fans. At 6.15 p.m., they will be conducted to the ZBW Broadcasting Studios where they will be interviewed over the air.

Officials of the King's Theatre will be hosts to the couple at a Chinese chow at the Ying King Restaurant.

If their strenuous day has not completely tired them out, it is hoped that they will be present at the Hongkong Hotel dinner later in the evening.

MISS TOBIN LOOKED COOL

Dressed in a cool floral gown and with her light flaxen hair tucked beneath a broad-brimmed white hat, Miss Tobin submitted willingly to an interview by the "Hongkong Telegraph" representative when she and her director husband, Mr. William Keighley, arrived on the Empress of Japan this morning.

The wharf was particularly strongly guarded by police and a bigger crowd than usual was not permitted to pass, first, the wharf gates and, next, a barrier at the end of the pier.

The couple were interviewed together, but Mr. Keighley acted as spokesman. They have never been in the East before. Asked whether he thought the war was scaring Hollywood artists from voyaging to the East, Mr. Keighley said: "Perhaps so. I know that people said

GENEVIEVE TOBIN

they thought we were mad when we decided to come."

SOUTH AMERICAN VISITS

When asked whether the scare was likely to stop the projected trip of Tyrone Power and Annabella, Miss Tobin exclaimed, "Oh, I don't think they can come. They're under contract."

"I don't know," said her husband. "They went to South America, you know."

FASCINATED

He added that Hollywood's anxiety to secure the South American market was naturally leading to more frequent visits by stars to that continent. A couple of Fox players had gone there last year and, recently, Tyrone Power and Annabella. He thought their visits took the subtle form of informal trips rather than personal appearance tours.

Both said that they found the East, as far as they had yet been able to see it, fascinating. Mr. Keighley added, however, that some of the scenes in Shanghai distressed them; they were able to visualise how grievously the war must have changed the place.

WENDY BARRY'S NEXT PART

Miss Tobin had not met Wendy Barry, Hongkong's contribution to Hollywood's Who's Who. Mr. Keighley, however, met her a few days before they sailed. She was taking a test for Warner Bros' impending production of "Elizabeth, the Queen."

Genevieve and her husband have ahead of them a tour which takes in the East Indies, Angkor, and most Oriental stopping places. They are due back in Hollywood on July 20. Mr. Keighley will go right on handling a megaphone for Warner Bros; Miss Tobin, who is not at present under contract, has no definite intentions. She is not, however, likely to go back to the New York stage, having recently refused an invitation to play there. As Mr. Keighley remarked, "She is married now."

The Atlantic Clipper service will probably be operating when they reach England, but they won't use it. Miss Tobin's reply to the suggestion was, "O-ho no!"

Philharmonic Society's Loss On "Ruddigore"

THAT THE Hongkong Philharmonic Society has had a nett loss of $4,203.36 on the last six operas produced is revealed in the Society's Statement of Accounts, issued to-day.

This loss covers the working on "Pirates of Penzance" (February 1934), "A Country Girl" (January 1936), "Maid of the Mountains" (December 1936), "Street Singer" (April 1937), "Arcadians" (December 1937) and "Ruddigore" (December 1938).

On last year's production, "Ruddigore", the Society lost $922.07, whilst a loss of $102.42 is revealed for the year's working in the Income and Expenditure Account.

The hire of the theatre for $1,800 and the cost of costumes contributed largely to the loss in producing "Ruddigore." The costumes alone cost $1,253.84 from which only $125.30 was deducted for their sale to players.

The scenery, which was undoubtedly the best ever seen in a Philharmonic production, actually cost less than the scenery made for the other six operas. The performing rights at $338.81 also cost less than expended on the other productions.

The Society will hold their annual general meeting at the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel on Wednesday, May 10, at 5.30 p.m. Officers and members of the committee for the season 1939-40 will then be elected.

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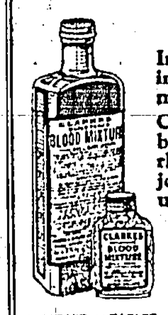

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STRATHROY RETURNS TO LOCAL TURF TO-MORROW

WEIGHING OUT FOR BRISBANE SPRING H'CAP

Good Entries Received For Fourth Extra

(By "Captain Foster")

Very good entries have been received for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held to-morrow at Happy Valley. Nominations total 48 for the Taimoshan Handicap for China ponies "D" class, which is to be divided into two sections at the discretion of the handicapper. A programme of nine interesting events will be presented to the racing public, the major portion of the contests being distance runs and the first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

After a sojourn of four months in Fanling, Strathroy, the ex-champion belonging to Mr. J. F. Macgregor, will weigh out with Mr. D. Black up for the Brisbane Spring Handicap for Australian ponies of any season over 1¼ miles. In some quarters, Pinfarthings (owned by Major J. M. Smith) is considered to have a rosy chance in the Mount Davis Handicap (first section) for "C" class China raters over a course from the two mile post, once round and in. Encouraged by the success of the latter, the Kwantl racing folks have nominated Clowner (1937, Subgriffin) owned by the stable Levis, and Jack O'Lantern (1933 Subgriffin) the property of A. H. P. for the Taimoshan Handicap. In addition there is Scarlett O'Hara, a discarded Australian pony belonging to Mr. M. F. L. Haymes which has been entered for the Charters Towers Handicap and it looks that we have to keep a sharp look-out on all these country candidates.

There is no promise by the weather expert that we are going to have a sunny afternoon and in the circumstance we may look forward to some general upsets.

Hectic View To Shoulder Top Weight

The opening event will be the Mount Gough Handicap for China ponies, bona fide griffins of this season, that have not won more than $1,250 in stakes and the jaunt is over the champion course. After two successful outings Hectic View has been set to shoulder the top weight, but there is good reason to believe that the course of 1¼ miles is too long for Mr. Lan's stallion. I much prefer his other candidate, Peaceful View, who ran a good race behind the winner (Lilliber) in the Griffins Spring Handicap at the Annual Carnival. The third pony was English Cavalier. The latter has not appeared in public after this run and it seems to me that English Cavalier will be Mr. Poy's mount. Mr. Encarnacao riding Rose Emily. Of the two from Mr. Eu Tong-sen's stable, Rose Emily is no doubt a better pony and the mare is my fancy. Forgotten Star is not a bad outsider, but cannot say whether the sloppy course is to his liking. Galveston Bay is at the bottom of the ladder with only 140 lbs. to carry and, should the going be firm, I would recommend $5 each way on this moke.

Makes Debut In "C" Class

What is the matter with Soldier of Britain? If memory recalls, this China pony was a hot favourite for the 1934 Blue Riband but he finished among the "also rans" owing to a soft going. He has, however, a few classic events to his credit. Soldier of Britain will make his debut to-morrow among the "C" company and he holds the post of honour in the Mount Davis Handicap (first section), a run from the two mile post, once round and in. He has certainly lost a lot of his dash and energy and furthermore the old soldier is not a good mudder. I like to see him win to-morrow. The champion pony, Marksman, is only 3 lbs. behind, but the sub-griffin is on the same level with Rose Jane, both having been allotted 105 lbs.

It has been whispered that Marksman will not accept, but I doubt the rumour, for the pony was out doing his stuff during the early mornings. Should they meet, it will not surprise me to see Marksman turning the tables on Rose Jane. Celtic Star, King Kong and Scenic View are dangerous to upset the applecart. At the last meeting Pinfarthings win a sprint in a lower division, but to-morrow he will be in the first section and he has to meet several first class runners. As he has been allotted weight for inches, some of the early risers believe that he has been let in and I am sure he was not the first animal to be so fortunate.

STRATHROY WEIGHING OUT HERE

Strathroy, by Pacolet, was one of the finest Australian racers that ever visited our shore and like everything else the pony cannot go on for ever. The last public appearance was in the Queensland Autumn Champions when he finished in the ruck and his previous couple of outings were just as bad. It was after the last performance that the connections decided to send Strathroy to Fanling and the entry of this great warrior for the Brisbane Spring Handicap over the champion course will, no doubt, give a certain amount of interest to the pari-mutuel department.

Last Saturday morning Strathroy, with his old pilot Mr. Black, was given a sharp spin over the mile course and he took 1.57⅘ to cover the circuit, romping home in 27⅗ seconds for the last stanza. Mr. J. F. Macgregor's candidate stood out quite well in a mile test and the legs were in perfect order after the gallop. There is, however, one consolation that Strathroy will not weigh out to-morrow with the usual limit of 165 lbs. as the weight adjuster has taken a lenient view and the brown progeny of Pacolet has been asked to carry only 155 lbs. He has not been racing since December. It will be seen from the list of handicaps that the ex-champion has a pull of the poundage against such stalwarts as Lancashire Chips, Lucky Lad and Snowy River and I am sure that we shall see a good race. The contest is over a long journey of 12 miles and the form shows that Lucky Lad has proved beyond doubt that he is a hard nut to crack over a distance. The Rooty-Hill Derby winner, Triumphant Day, is well in on the handicap and he is worth an investment of $5 each way.

Good Chance For Rose-Queen

If Rose-Queen does not win the Mount Davis Handicap (second section) to-morrow, it would be advisable for the mare to join up the Fanling force and I am sure the environment there will do her a world of good. Rose-Queen was twice second in her last two outings and she has a good chance of making amends. Bright View is a good mudder with only 147 lbs. to shoulder, but be careful with Bistre should the going be nice. I have not seen much of Tyne, who is a newcomer in this section, but I am afraid that the weight may hinder his chance. Annas Bay and Lady Love are not yet ready and The Tigress is attempting to win out of her class. Soldier of China has lost all his sense of racing.

Big Field Expected To Accept

There is reason to expect a good field of "B" class Australian ponies in the Charters Towers Handicap over a trip from the two mile post, once round and in. The ban of winners of 1,250 or more in stakes since January has precluded the entry of a few good 'uns such as Chiltern, Cockleroi, Devonian, Snowy River, Triumphant Day and Vixen Tor and we should therefore see a fine race. Blandford is at the head of the assessment and there is no doubt that the distance is to his liking. While it appeals to me as a "dead cert" I cannot recommend anyone to have his shirt on Blandford owing to the presence of King's Privilege, who will undoubtedly offer a strong challenge for the first position in the frame. When they clashed in the Bendigo Stakes over a mile at the annual meeting, the winner (Blandford) was almost on the same level with King's Privilege, who finished, I think, in the middle of the last row, whereas to-morrow Dynasty's representative has a pull of over a stone against Mr. Eu Tong-sen's candidate. At subsequent meetings Blandford was officially fourth in the Melbourne Cup and the Australian Ponies Champions and I suppose that accounts for the difference of weights.

Criffel from the John Peel's stable is certainly well keyed for the run, but I am inclined to believe that the mare prefers a sprint to an endurance contest. There is something in the air that Centre Court has a sporting chance of registering her first success of the season and I would like to include Aztec's prospect. At this time last year, Aztec carrying 153 lbs. was second in the Charters Towers Handicap, but the run was then over the mile and the additional 171 yards for to-morrow will not make much difference to the pony. It is a good outsider.

FIRST LEG OF DAILY DOUBLE

The first leg of the daily double is on the "Hunchbacks" Plate confined to China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, that have not won $500 or more in stakes and being a sprint over six furlongs, it has drawn no less than 30 entries. We have certainly a fine list from which to find the first leg of the combination, but there is a dearth in quality. A red pencil can be drawn against the chances of about 90% of the entries and of the remainder, the winner will be found among Green Bay, Pall Mall, Sea Horse and Some Hope. The last named has been knocking at the door; in fact Some Hope was very unlucky to succumb to National Service in the Kongmun Stakes at the last meeting. My choice is Some Hope, Sea Horse and Green Bay.

22 Ponies Assigned To First Section

Out of the 48 China ponies in the "D" class entered for the Taimoshan Handicap over a mile, the handicapper has assigned 22 racers to the first section and incidentally the second leg of the daily double is on this event. It looks that the inclusion of Gold Coin and Night View (both demoted recently from the "C" standard) will not only present a problem to be solved, but it will scratch the head to spot the winner. It is much easier to cut a passage through than to follow up the line of the handicapper's conduct.

It requires a lot of space to delve into the pros and cons of all the entries, but if we take the results of the Boa Vista Handicap at the Easter session, we will not be far out of the range. In that run the winner (Strathbannock) was receiving 7 lbs. from Sylvandale, who was second and they are now on the same peg, each with 168 lbs. Valorous has 7 lbs. less to carry for coming in third and this means that he has a pull of a stone against Strathbannock which is something to be considered. Portrush, the property of Mrs. Taggart, has been kindly treated and if Mr. Encarnacao can get down to 145 lbs. it is not a bad bet to follow up. I will make my final selections to-morrow.

Canterbury Park Handicap

The Canterbury Park Handicap for Australian ponies of this season that have not won more than $1,000 in stakes should be a gift to Candlelight (who has earned exactly one thousand bucks) but it is reliably learned that Mr. Moller's charger is under a cloud and the prospect of appearing before the official starter is very remote. The race should be between Bruno owned by Mr. G. Treverton and Sydney Lad belonging to the "Lucky" stable. Ruby Star is good for a long shot.

Milleaye May Be In The Limelight

The meeting will terminate with a large field, the best of the afternoon, in the Taimoshan Handicap (second section) for "D" class China ponies and anything may happen. On past performances Milleaye should be in the limelight at the finish provided he can give weight to February Fourth, National Service, Phoenix, Sports Venture, Starlet and Tiny Tim. The return of Clowner and Jack O'Lantern from Kwantl will, I am sure, find some backers. Racing Boy, the public idol, is on the walking list.

Rumjahn Cousins Becoming A Spent Force

Completely Outplayed By Chinese Pair In Colony Tennis Championships

(By "Abe").

Probably because the Rumjahn cousins were generally expected to win their semi-final tie in the Colony tennis doubles championships yesterday against Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, only a comparatively small crowd turned up at the Hongkong C.C. to see the encounter. Of those who were there, how many had even imagined that the Rumjahns might be beaten?

Ho Ka-lau (left) and Lee Yue-wing, of the Chinese R.C., created a sensational upset in the semi-finals of the Colony tennis doubles championship yesterday when they defeated the Rumjahn cousins in straight sets. They raised their game to great heights and fully deserved their victory.—*Mee Cheung.*

Yet beaten the cousins were and in straight sets too, which was the surprising part about it. The scores in favour of the Chinese were 9-7, 6-3, 8-6.

As W. A. H. Duff and T. A. Pearce had found to their cost in an earlier encounter, so did the Rumjahns yesterday that the wonderful retrieving qualities of the Chinese presented a stone wall, against which, try as they did, they could not break down. Any but the best smashes were useless against the solid defence of a pair who returned everything that could possibly be returned. And, adding to the discomfiture of the former champions, the Chinese could very quickly turn strict defence into attack, and often carried the game into the enemy's camp.

Apart from the first ten games or so, Lee and Ho dominated the play throughout, relying not solely on defence but also showing that when the mood takes them they can assume an aggressive role. When one says that once they had established themselves at the net they were more dangerous than their opponents in almost every respect, an idea of how well they played together may be gathered.

COUSINS OUTPLAYED

Seldom did the Rumjahns find a way to beat Lee and Ho when the latter had gained possession of the net. Drives were useless with Lee and Ho in such good volleying form, while anything but the deepest lobs were buried away for winners. And many of the lobs hoisted up by the cousins were simply crying out for the punishment which they received.

Lee, who had been rather nervous in the matches against Duff and Pearce, apparently had settled down to the stand court atmosphere yesterday. He did many good things in this match and he, more than Ho Ka-lau, was responsible for causing the biggest upset for many years. He was always moving in for the winning blow and succeeded to a great extent, thanks to the badly-placed service returns of the opposition. If he was sometimes driven back by a well-placed lob, his toss in reply was invested with a top-spin, keeping the ball within bounds.

I have seen Lee in the League and in the Colony championships for several years, but I have never seen him play as well as he did yesterday. Indeed I doubt whether he has ever played better tennis in his life.

SERVICE WEAKNESS

Not only was his defensive play irreproachable but his work at the net left little to be desired. He volleyed well and smashed with precision, and provided the finishing blow to many a fine rally. His only weakness lay in his service, but nevertheless he managed to hold his service games with surprising regularity.

Though lacking the brilliance of his partner, Ho's part in the combination's victory was far from negligible. Most of the time he was content merely to play a passive role, cutting his mistakes down to a minimum and retrieving in his usual steady manner; but when the occasion demanded it he also smashed with power and volleyed with incisiveness. His attacking shots were pulled out with rare judgment and seldom failed to win points.

Of the former champions, neither seemed up to the old standard. Their star, which had shone so brightly in the last decade, is dimming, and one has to come reluctantly though it be to the conclusion that they are becoming a spent force.

They started promisingly enough and in the first set were four times within a point of claiming it. This was the nearest they could get to winning a set; after this they were always lagging behind.

CONFIDENCE SHAKEN

Their main artillery in the past was their netplay, but even in this department of the game they were outshone yesterday, making mistakes which they would not have done in former years. Their confidence was badly shaken after the first set, and though they fought desparately to avoid defeat they were never able to raise their game in the subsequent play to prevent it.

Even after they had dropped the first two sets, there must have been a number of spectators who wondered whether the cousins would bring out their famous act—snatching a last-minute victory. But this was not to be. And the majority of the spectators, as one game after another went to the Chinese, were so surprised by the turn of events that they sometimes forgot to applaud.

In the first set, the Rumjahns led 5-3, but missed their opportunity and the Chinese took it after 16 games. The second set went to the Chinese without a doubt. Inspired by their success in the opening stanza, when they saved four set

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Cricket

Victories For Surrey, Yorkshire

London, May 4.

Surrey defeated the M.C.C. by 99 runs and Yorkshire beat Oxford University by ten wickets in the cricket matches which concluded to-day.

Surrey scored 221 and 139 (Sims five for 61), against which the M.C.C. made 140 (Gover five for 43, Squires four for 11) and 121.

Yorkshire scored 322 in their first innings, thanks to a splendid century of 125 not out by Herbert Sutcliffe and 82 by Mitchell, and in reply Oxford made only 102. Following-on, the undergraduates made 228 Verity taking six wickets for 73 runs.

Requiring only nine runs for victory, Yorkshire hit them off without loss.—*Reuter.*

K. C. C. TO HAVE ANOTHER TENNIS PRACTICE

Following last Sunday's opening try-out for the tennis league season, the K.C.C. have decided to hold a practice afternoon on Sunday, May 14, at 2.30 p.m., when the following players who, it is expected, will participate in the league teams, are asked to turn out.

Messrs. D. J. N. Anderson, G. C. Burnett, F. A. Broadbridge, R. T. Broadbridge, K. Broch, W. Crabb, A. Crawford, A. Duncan, E. Eymard, E. C. Fincher, A. L. Fisher W. Gillard, W. M. Gittins, F. Grose, S. A. Gray, A. E. P. Guest, B. D. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, T. A. Madar, D. Orr, A. M. G. Philippens, B. Soltau, W. Turner, and A. V. White.

Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Williams, Miss Harker, Mrs. Smeby, Mrs. Eymard, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cavern, and Miss V. Bradbury.

Any of these players who cannot play on Sunday, May 14, are requested to inform Mr. G. C. Burnett, the tennis convener.

It has also been decided, owing to lack of entries, to cancel the American tennis tournament at the K.C.C., originally arranged for Sunday next.

Leicester Lose Last Match

London, May 4.

Leicester City, with no hope of avoiding relegation, lost their last match in the First Division of the English Football League to-day. Playing at home, they were beaten by the Wolves by two goals to nil.—*Reuter.*

CALL-OVER ANNOUNCED FOR DERBY

London, May 4.

The following is the latest call-over for the Derby:

Blue Peter, 7/2 (t. and o.)
Admiral's Walk, 10/1 (o)
Heliopolis, 100/9 (t. and o.)
Fairstone, 100/7 (o)
Hypnotist, 100/7 (o), 15/1 (t)
Fox Cub, 100/6 (o)
Signal Light 100/6 (o)
Triguero, 100/6 (o)
Romeo, 20/1 (o)
Wheatland, 20/1 (o)
Casanova, 20/1 (o)
Foxbrough, 22/1 (o)
Buxton, 22/1 (o)
Diadoque, 25/1 (o)
Dhoti, 25/1 (o)

—*Reuter.*

Indian R.C. Sports Meet On Sunday

The Indian R.C. annual athletic sports will be held at Sookunpoo on Sunday, May 7, commencing at 1.30 p.m. All members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

Prizes at the conclusion of the meeting will be presented by Mrs. C. Rahim.

Three Pairs Tie In Golf Pro Foursome

London, May 4.

At Birmingham to-day, three pairs tied for first place with aggregate scores of 142 for 36 holes in the £1,000 Professional Golf Foursomes at Sandwell Park.

They are replaying to-morrow over 18 holes.

Robson, of Addington, and Burton of Sale, had rounds of 71 and 71, while Henry Cotton, of Ashridge, and Shepard of Radlett, had rounds of 70 and 72, and Cox of Blackpool and Topping of Bolton registered 72 and 70.—*Reuter.*

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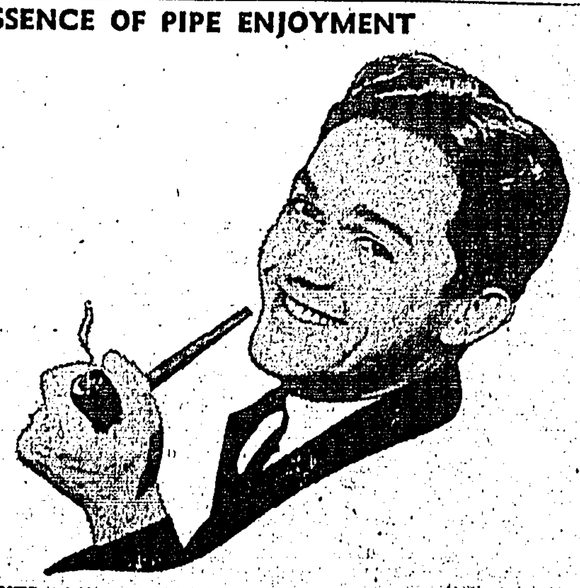

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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller

CHINESE DAVIS CUPPERS MEET IN FINAL

Kho Sin-kie And Choy Win Penultimate Ties In Bournemouth Event

The success of the Chinese Davis Cup players, Kho Sin-kie (holder) and W. C. Choy, has been the feature of the Bournemouth hardcourt tennis championships now in progress.

Both won their matches in the semi-finals yesterday, Kho beating Donald McPhail in straight sets, while Choy performed his best feat to date by overcoming Charles Hare, the British Davis Cupper, in four sets after losng the first to love.

According to *Reuter* Kho played superlative tennis in accounting for McPhail, who led 2-1 in the first and third sets. The champion's delicate drop shots, lobs and hard forehand drives, however, kept McPhail running to retrieve. The Briton fought pluckily and scored some brilliant net winners, but he was outclassed by the Chinese, who led 5-2 and 30-love in the third set.

McPhail saved the eighth game, however, but succumbed in the next. Kho won by scores of 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

CHOY'S ACHIEVEMENT

If anything, Choy's victory over Charles Hare was a better achievement, as the latter is considered to be the outstanding British player next to "Bunny" Austin.

After losing the first set to love, Choy settled down to his usual game, and with deep driving to Hare's backhand won the second set after trailing 6-7.

Choy's accurate steadiness and accurate placing won him the third set easily.

The last set again showed Choy at his steadiest, states *Reuter*. Deep drives were the feature of his game and after another great struggle Choy won out in the 16th game after Hare had led 7-6.

The scores in favour of the Chinese were 6-6, 10-8, 6-1, 6-7.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

London, May 4.

In the quarter-finals of the women's singles at Bournemouth to-day, Miss Kathleen Stammers defeated Mrs. Little (formerly Miss Dorothy Round) by 6-2, 7-5.

Mrs. Ellis (formerly Senorita Anita Lizana of Chile) beat Miss Mary Hardwick, the British Wightman Cup player, by 7-5, 3-6, 6-0.

Miss Margaret Scriven beat Miss Betty Nuthall 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Miss Margot Lumb beat Miss Brown 6-2, 7-5.—*Reuter.*

Street Spelled 3 Ways

Halifax, N. S.

A street here has three names, and no one in authority knows which is right. It is known as Franklyn, Frankland and Francklyn.

Baseball

NEW YORK OUTFITS WIN AGAIN

New York, May 4.

The following are the results of the Major League Baseball matches played to-day:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	3	7	2
New York	6	8	0

(Mize homered for the Cardinals).

Chicago	2	10	1
Brooklyn	6	12	1

(Lazzeri homered for the Dodgers).

Pittsburgh	6	12	1
Philadelphia	4	12	1

Tobin and Rizzo homered for the Pirates).

The match between the Cincinnati Reds and Boston Braves was postponed because of rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	10	11	0
Cleveland	6	14	2

(Selkirk homered for the Yankees. Ten innings were played).

Washington	3	9	0
Chicago	4	9	0

(Silverstri homered for the White Sox).

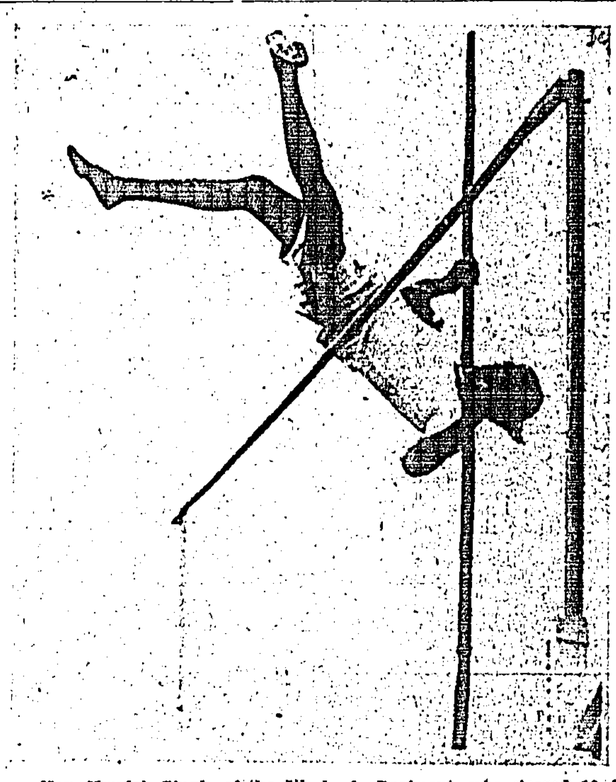
Boston	7	8	1
Detroit	6	11	2

(Williams homered twice for the Red Sox and York replied for the Tigers).

Philadelphia	3	8	0
St. Louis	9	14	2

(Mazzera homered twice for the Browns).—*Reuter.*

JERUSALEM, May 4.—The leader of an armed gang was killed, two of the gang wounded, and three captured in a skirmish yesterday in which the Arab Legion participated with the assistance of the Royal Air Force.—*Reuter.*



Hav. Kundah Singh, of the 5th A. A. Regiment, who cleared 10 ft. 3 ins. in the pole vault at the Hongkong Area annual athletic meet on the Polo Ground yesterday. Here he is seen clearing the bar with ease.—*Staff Photographer.*

Hockey Secretary

Mr. D. Smith Succeeds Mr. R. Henderson

Mr. D. Smith was appointed to succeed Mr. R. Henderson as Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association at a meeting of the Council in St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday. Mr. Henderson is leaving the Colony shortly.

The appreciation of the Council was voiced by Mr. A. A. Dand, Chairman, who said Mr. Henderson had carried out his none too easy task conscientiously and well.

Mention of the unsatisfactory and farcical rule in the Six-a-Side Tournament that the position of the ball at the end of play had to be considered, was made, and it was decided to refer the matter to the tournament sub-committee to consider whether extra time in the case of the final match would be better.

Rumjahn Cousins Badly Beaten

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points, they smashed and volleyed their way through to win out in the ninth game. There was another struggle in the third set when the atmosphere became charged. On one side of the court were the Rumjahns fighting desperately to avoid going down in straight sets; and on the other were Lee and Ho on the brink of creating a sensational upset.

NO RISKS TAKEN

There were times when neither pair dared to take any risks—the Rumjahns because they could not afford to and the Chinese because they did not want to present their opponents with *cumshaw* points. Yet, in spite of this understandable caution, some really fine rallies were seen, and from the majority of them the Chinese pair emerged victorious.

In this third set, the Chinese led 4-2, were pulled back to 4-4, led again at 5-4 and once again were pulled back to 5-5.

Once more the Chinese led 6-5 only to allow the Indians to square the set, but they succeeded in winning the next two games for the match.

When Sirdar's last drive went sailing two feet outside the base-line, Ho threw his racket in expression of his joy. But the victory of the Chinese was no "fluke." They kept up with the Rumjahns' brilliance in the opening rallies, and while the latter fell away badly they maintained their high standard of play throughout. Never was victory more richly deserved.

Ho and Lee will now meet the Tsui brothers in the final.

SINGLES FINAL

The final of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony between Tsui Wai-pui (holder) and Tsui Yun-pui, will take place on the stand court on Monday afternoon, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S GOLF CONTEST

In connection with the women's golf competition at Deep Water Bay on May 16, commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the R.H.K.G.C., as reported yesterday, the qualification should have read:

The competition is open to resident associates only, that is, relatives of full members, and associates Class "B".

TENNIS FINALS NEXT WEEK

Exhibition Programme For May 13

The Hongkong Tennis Championships organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club will terminate next week when both the singles and the doubles finals will be played, weather permitting.

On Monday, the Tsui brothers will meet in the final of the singles, while on Wednesday they will play their club-mates, Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau, in the final of the doubles. Prizes won during the tournament will be distributed at the end of the latter match.

On Tuesday, the Club Championship final will be decided. The finalists are H. J. Armstrong and W. Sander, who were also on the opposite sides of the net in the mixed doubles final this week.

On Saturday, May 13, exhibition matches in aid of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China and Hongkong will be played, commencing at 4 p.m. Some of the best doubles players in the Colony will participate in this exhibition. The four pairs on view will be W. A. H. Duff and L. Goldman, Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau, S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn, and Tsui Yun-pui and Tsui Wai-pui.

Tickets for admission are priced at $1.50 and $1.

Golf

STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The following are the starting times for Fanling on Sunday:

NEW COURSE

9.16 S. H. Dodwell, I. H. Geare.
9.20 A. D. Humphreys, A. B. Purves.
9.24 J. A. H. Selby, F. D. Hunter.
9.28 N. D. Lloyd, F. A. M. Elliott.
9.32 W. G. Robertson, W. Hewitt.
9.36 E. Laidlaw, P. C. Jackson.
9.40 A. D. Humphreys, A. B. Purves.
9.44 K. S. Marrison, D. J. Gilmore.
9.48 A. McKellar, J. Linaker.
9.52 G. T. Harrington, G. Riddell-Carre.
9.56 R. J. K. Walker, P. S. Widdup.
10.00 T. E. Pearce, A. Murdoch.
10.04 G. C. Worrall, L. M. S. Lloyd.
10.08 D. S. Robb, R. Young.
10.12 V. R. Gordon, J. R. Collis.
10.16 W. Woodward, C. W. E. Bishop.
10.20 J. B. Morpeth, L. Jackson.
10.24 J. M. Pearson, L. A. R. Duncan.
10.28 A. J. Dennis, W. S. Hillier.
10.32 A. C. Lamb Gasper, H. Harrison.
10.36 S. Tomlison, J. B. Mackie.
10.40 A. Sommerfelt, J. Forbes.
10.44 E. T. McMullen, J. L. C. Pearce.

OLD COURSE

9.24 E. G. Price, N. P. Fox.
9.28 Miss Price, Mrs. Fox.
9.36 A. N. & Q. A. A. MacFadyen.
10.12 Col. Matthews, F. E. Booker.
10.20 Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Bishop.
10.28 Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Duncan.
10.32 Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Hillier.
10.40 D. Black, A. A. Bremner.
11.12 Sir Vandeleur & Miss Grayburn.
11.16 F. B. Winter, Miss Vickers.
11.20 R. C. F. MacGregor, Mrs. Winter.

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th May, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5 for Gentlemen and $3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27784) will close at 12 NOON.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $1 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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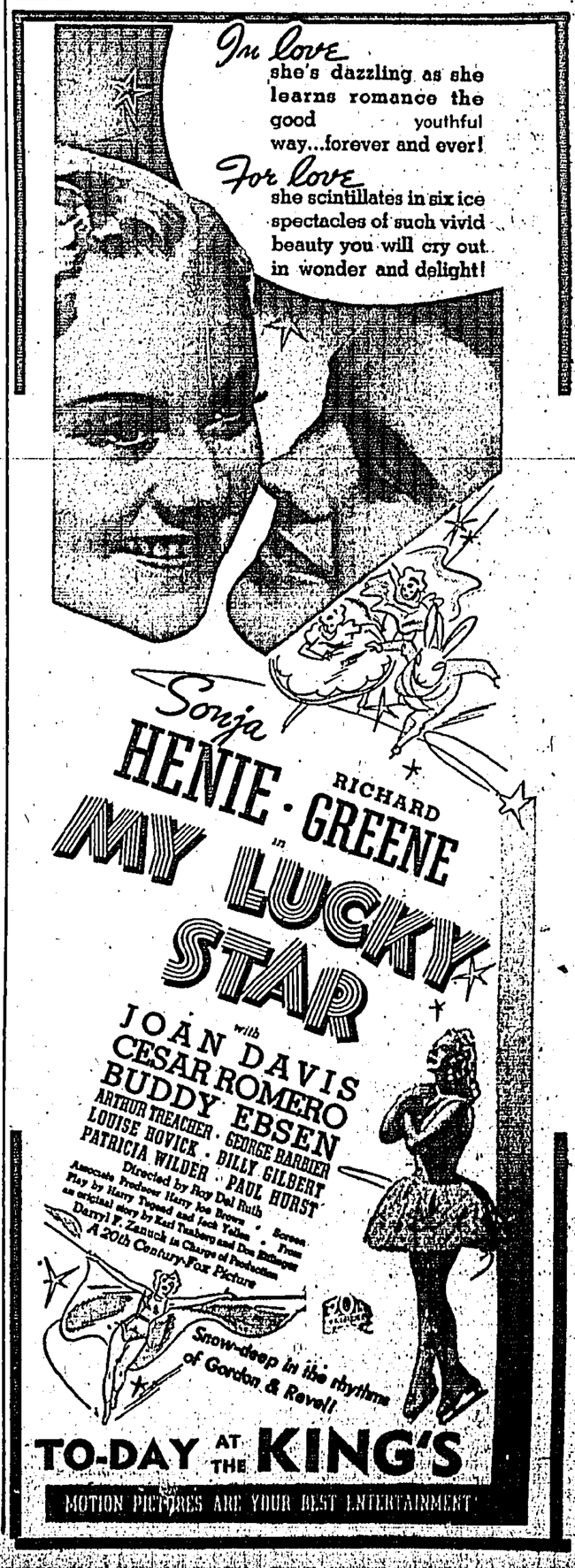

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Fashion Notes

Shorten your skirt and add to your charm

THERE'S no getting away from the fact that the new short skirt fashion is full of pitfalls. So I've been racking my brains to think up ways you can dodge those pitfalls and add to your charm as well as subtract from your skirt length.

First of all I worked out three possible solutions of three major problems; adapting the short skirt to the girl who's very tall; the one who's short and plump; and the one who, though well proportioned, has rather heavy legs.

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You'll see that for the very tall girl, we suggest a very wide swirling skirt. That's because her figure will stand breaking up in a way that a short girl's won't, and she can stand the width at the hem which would make the short girl look dumpy.

The plump short girl doesn't usually look her best in a very short skirt; it "cuts her up" too much and takes away her precious inches.

So for her, we suggest a skirt that's not too violently flared, made of some opaque stuff such as crepe or taffeta with one of the smart new dropped hems of transparent pleated chiffon or georgette below it.

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Let me explain the full beauty of this notion. You get the effect of a short skirt, because the opaque part stops just below the knee, but the transparent hem adds a few extra inches without looking too obtrusive.

And of course you know that petticoat effects are the very latest thing. Only I don't advise a contrasting petticoat effect for the short and plump; it breaks the line too much.

But I do advise very strongly rather dark, though fine-gauge stockings and shoes that match the dress. Both help to make you look taller and slimmer.

The third problem girl, the one whose legs are rather straight and heavy instead of being curved and slender, gave us a lot of trouble.

We decided against cutting her hem in scallops (a good trick for the girl who has slim ankles but rather prominent calves) because if you put curves against a straight line, they only emphasise the straightness.

We decided against any sort of petticoat trick because it focussed the eye on the legs, just where we (and she!) didn't want it focussed.

Eventually we decided for pleats in the skirt, springing on each side of a flat centre panel. This broke up the skirt, made it interesting to look at, and the play of light and shade in their folds was a great help in detracting from the too solid look of the legs.

Another point in favour of pleats was their nice swinging movement when you walk and the way they make a skirt fall with graceful fullness when you sit down.

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Now, of course, these three don't cover all possible pitfalls a short skirt can create for its wearer. Apart from your legs, you've got to consider your proportions.

If you've got heavy hips, for example, you can't wear a pleated skirt.

Your best bet then is one cut in several gores, widening gradually from waist to hem.

These straight vertical lines, tapering over the hips, help to make you look slimmer. Take heart, even if you ARE a little broad in the beam, because this year's slightly flared skirts are much kinder to your figure than the straight kind that reveal every unwanted curve and "hug" you cruelly at the back after you've sat in them a few times.

If you're short and plump, but well proportioned, it's often a good idea to have the back of your skirt fairly plain and to introduce the fashionable fullness at the hem in two inset flares in the front on either side of a straight panel.

The fullness of the two insets is held flat over the hips with vertical tucks; your skirt has all the fashionable swirling movement, but not being full all round it doesn't give that cottage loaf effect of atoo bulky skirt on a short figure.

A wide sash, with its points falling below the hem of the skirt, is another way of giving an effect of extra length and camouflaging your legs.

But don't worry if short skirts don't suit you and never will. Have your hem as high as your legs and your figure will stand it, but no higher.

Half the art of dressing well is to adapt the fashions to your own type of looks.

For the short, plump girl. The tall, slim girl. Her legs are straight and heavy

YOUR PERSONALITY

A PROMINENT writer recently said that modern women dissipate their personalities in "pale imitations of popular film stars." The very modish surface (dictated by fashion) which we present to the world may seem at first to justify the indictment.

Underneath the Edwardian coiffure and below the intriguing veil of the moment, we still however remain ourselves. Or do we? How much of us is really our own personality, our contribution to life and living, and how much is dictated, guided, directed by prevailing modes of thought and expression?

The first essential to having an individual personality is to think for oneself. Before hearing the world's comments let us make up our own minds; we can decide whether we like or dislike this or that new idea before we are swayed by the reactions of other people.

Then there is the very vexed question of following fashion's sartorial decrees. Admittedly it is still, for most women, more comfortable to be out of the world than to be out of the fashion, but no woman with personality allows herself to become a complete slave to exaggerated "lines," she chooses her clothes from the latest models which appeal to her and which express some innate style of her own.

In the choice of friends it is often the line of least resistance to possess a second-hand mind. If we await the verdict of our district or our club on some new arrival and abide by that decision we are revealing a mental weakness.

Our approach to books, to entertainment in general, may expose our lack of personality if we allow ourselves to be guided in our choice of them by our friend's opinions or by prevailing fashions.

How often we read a book because our next door neighbour asserted, "You must read so and so; everyone is reading it." A good book, probably, but a woman of personality demands more of a book than that "everyone is reading it."

This pursuit of a personality is a stimulating task; and it makes life so much more interesting to have viewpoints and opinions coming from within rather than allowing them to be the product of mass computation.

C. H. M.

Book Covers

NOTHING could be gayer or more practical than book covers of oil-cloth, or oil silk, especially for cookery or household account books, which so soon become soiled and greasy. These can either be stitched to fit bindings strong enough to allow them to be slipped on and off or cut exactly to size and pasted to paper coverings.

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Both oil cloth and oil silk can now be bought in so many attractive designs and colourings that it is easy to choose one to tone with the decorative scheme of any room.

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In the nursery, too, where small sticky fingers leave their marks, covers may be made to preserve new books and repair to old ones easily and satisfactorily carried out.

A. M. S.

Something New For Spring

SPRING is in the air, and the urge for something new in the heart of every woman. So what about turning things round about, and using furnishing fabrics for dress accessories, and dress materials for household articles?

Elaborate pockets are fashionable on frocks and coats; so washing frocks may be decorated with appliqué flowers cut out of cretonne and couched down with coloured wools. These cretonne flowers may also be applied to the neckline of the frock, and the more these posies resemble the designs on packets of seeds, the more fashionable they will be.

Dainty boleros and blouses may be made from a fine meshed curtain net, darned with angora, either in white or colour.

Heavy slub rep or brocade will make an opulent waistcoat for a smart spring suit. Some of the furnishing linens also make very stylish waistcoats, especially if decorated with herring-bone or tacking-stitch in brightly coloured wools.

Organdie has long been popular for table mats and tea-cloths, but I wonder how many people realise how much more effective it is when two colours are super-imposed? Blue upon green is fascinating, and cool as the summer sea. Rose upon maize, rose upon mauve, and vice-versa, are lovely.

Now that we are going all Victorian, dotted Swiss muslin makes dainty, crisp curtains, dressing-table covers, and bed-spreads. Linen and crepe-de-chine makes beautiful quilted cushions, and the effect of Italian quilting, done in vivid wools behind thin crepe-de-chine or georgette, is delicate and charming.

A. R. H.

This costume, in silk crepe, in black and pink, has its pink jacket lined in the print. The jacket is quilted all over except for the lower sleeve sections.

Weather Curtails Reading

Toledo, O.

Winter sports cut into the juvenile book demand and severe traffic conditions cut the circulation of adult books, according to the public library report.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1889.

The ship canal to connect Manchester with Liverpool is being rapidly constructed, 10,000 men and a great number of steam excavators being engaged upon it. The canal will be 35 miles long, 20 feet deep, and 120 feet wide at the bottom.

25 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1914.

The German war levy is now expected to yield £60,000,000 sterling, which is 20 per cent. more than was anticipated. This is apparently due to the provision guaranteeing immunity for former irregularities to all sending inaccurate assessments in connection with the levy, which disclosed the existence of large sums which had hitherto escaped taxation.

10 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1929.

The high tension resulting from the May day disturbances is giving rise to anxiety, and the police are now applying the curfew, as during the war, to the Weddin and Neukoelin districts of Berlin.

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Mr. T. A. Ellis, second officer, Suiyang, is on reserve, Mr. F. S. Barron, from reserve, has gone second officer, Suiyang.

Mr. G. Forster, second engineer, Ninghai, is on reserve. Mr. F. Curry, from reserve, has gone second officer Ninghai.

Mr. A. T. McLellan, from shore employment, has gone extra third engineer officer, Hsin Peking. Mr. H. S. Luscombe, extra third engineer officer, Hsin Peking, has gone third engineer officer, Sunning. Mr. D. Watson, third engineer officer, Sunning, is on reserve.

Mr. J. R. Greig, chief engineer officer, Chinkiang, has gone extra chief engineer officer, Hsin Peking. Mr. R. H. Pock, chief engineer officer, Kiukiang, has gone chief engineer officer, Chinkiang. Mr. W. P. Barclay, chief engineer officer, Shengking, has gone chief engineer officer, Kiukiang. Mr. J. McArthur, chief engineer officer, Taming, has gone chief engineer officer, Shengking.

5 YEARS AGO

May 5, 1934.

Below is given the draw for the bridge tournament being held under the patronage of the Hon. Mr. R. E. Lindsell:

Table No. 1.—Messrs. A. D. Azavedo and A. H. Carroll v. Maj. Duclos and Mrs. Muzzall.

Table No. 2.—Com. H. Legge and Capt. T. Riggs v. Messrs. P. N. da Silva and H. Barros.

Table No. 3.—Messrs. Danenberg and J. A. Ozorio v. Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Valentine.

Table No. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ki v. Mrs. E. Warren and Mrs. M. A. Johnson.

Table No. 5.—Mrs. Keary and Mrs. Withington v. Col. Fordham and Dr. Smalley.

Table No. 6.—Mrs. H. Odell and Mrs. G. Forbes v. Mrs. F. S. Coote and Mr. H. F. Phillips.

The winning pairs of tables 1 to 5 will be required to play on Tuesday 8th instant, at 5.30 p.m.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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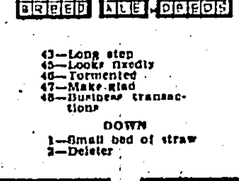
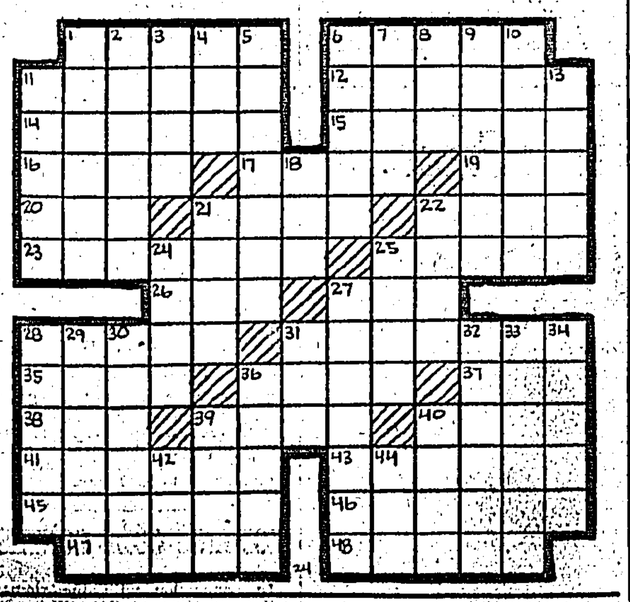


ACROSS

1—Pertaining to foot
6—Tax
11—Sea-soldier
12—Circus rings
14—African antelopes
15—Celebrates two masses successively by same celebrant
16—If the facts were different
17—Covered colonnade of Greek architecture
19—Human race
20—Golf mound
21—Burn
22—Twist
23—Painted with colored sands
25—System of religious observance (pl.)
26—Residence (abbr.)
27—Put on, as garment
28—Weave together
31—Brought to point of convergence
35—Device for dispersing radiation
36—Provide with surface
37—Before
38—Fiber worn by Japanese women
39—Cry used to golf
40—Confess frankly
41—Domesticators
43—Long step
45—Looks fixedly
46—Tormented
47—Make glad
48—Business transactions

DOWN

1—Small bed of straw
2—Deleter
3—Eat dinner
4—Also
5—Those who lease property from owner
6—Toll
7—Musical air
8—Benjamin
9—Hard paint
10—Lying dormant
11—Becomes acquainted with
13—Dispatches
18—One of Lincoln's sons
21—Hurried
22—Short hit in baseball
24—Part of eye
25—Common container for ice cream
27—Deprives
28—Coats with ink
29—Allow as deduction
30—Form of living creature
31—Case of elevator
32—Change
33—Wears away
34—Wetted with morning moisture
36—Force of men (col.)
39—Worry
40—Name of sea in Turkestan
42—Period of time
44—Common brew



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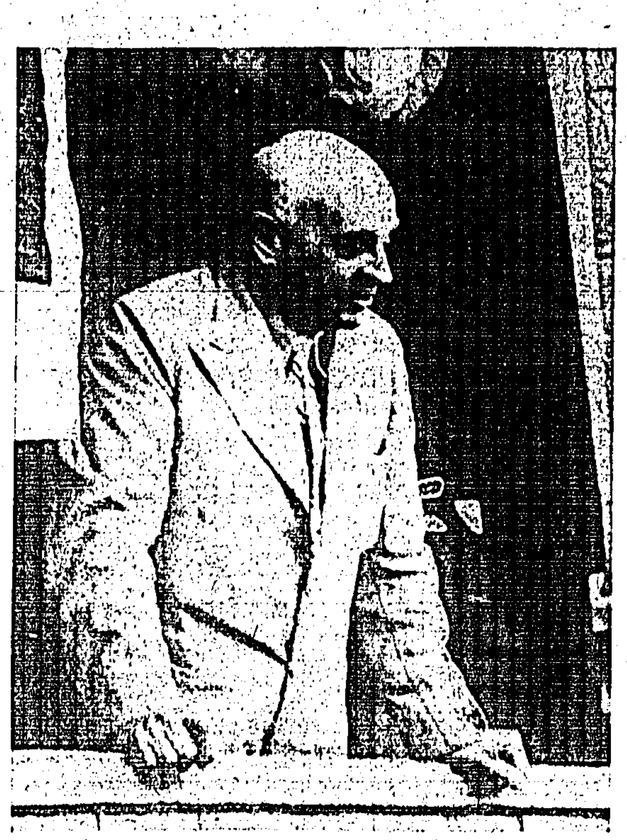

Herr H. Gipperich, German Consul-General, addresses guests who were present at the recent German National Day celebrations.—*Ming Yuen.*

An action photograph taken when the folk dancing was in full swing at the National Day celebrations at the German Tennis Club.—*Ming Yuen.*

Two German girls who took part in the folk dancing at the German Tennis Club.—*Ming Yuen.*

Mrs. Steele-Perkins demonstrates the correct method of donning a gas mask preparatory to leading groups of local ladies through a gas chamber.—*Staff Photographer.*

Group photograph taken after the recent arrival in Kai Tak of the German Junkers plane JU52.—*King's Studio.*

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New Expulsion By Germans

BERLIN, May 4.—Miss Barbara Henman, a secretary in the Berlin office of the "Daily Telegraph," has been ordered to leave Germany within 14 days.

No reason is given.

Miss Henman is the first woman among the present series of expulsions.—*Reuter.*

GIBRALTAR, May 4.—The Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in Gibraltar has been appointed deputy Governor during the absence of General Ironside, who is paying a periodical visit to the military commander of French Morocco.—*Reuter.*

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LATE NEWS

Soviet Foreign Policy

LONDON, May 5.—Authoritative sources state that if Britain refuses Moscow's proposal for a tri-power military alliance Russia will probably shelve her efforts for collective security and adopt a policy of isolation.

It is doubted whether Britain will make an outright rejection of the proposal, although at present it is indicated that at present Britain is determined to shun a hard and fast alliance with the Soviet.

The British Ambassador to Tokyo has assured the Japanese Foreign Minister that the question of a Far Eastern guarantee is not entering into the Anglo-Soviet talks.—*United Press.*

British Expulsions

LONDON, May 5.—In House of Commons to-day, the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, told a questioner that 9 Nazis have been expelled from Britain.—*United Press.*

Soviet Ambassador

LONDON, May 5.—It has been learned from reliable sources that the Soviet this week requested the United States to agree to the appointment of M. Oumansky as Soviet Ambassador to the United States. This squashes rumours re Litlrnoff.—*United Press.*

Military Sports

INTER-UNIT TROPHY TO MIDDLESEX

The Hongkong Area annual athletic meeting concluded yesterday at the Polo ground, and resulted in a win for the Middlesex Regiment in the Inter-Unit Championship. His Excellency the Governor was an interested spectator, together with His Excellency Major Gen. A. E. Grasett, the G.O.C. Brig. and Mrs. A. B. Thomson were also present.

Prior to the distribution of the prizes by Mrs. Grasett, Brig. J. W. T. Reeve, President of the Army Athletic Board, congratulated the Middlesex Regiment on winning the Inter-Unit Cup, and added that he was pleased to see the Royal Corps of Signals and the Royal Engineers taking part in the sports. Thanks were expressed to Major G. P. Murray, Capt. E. H. B. Neil and Sgt. Major C. Estall for the hard work which had made the Meet a success.

Results:

Pole vault.—8th Heavy Regt. R. A.
Two miles relay.—Hongkong Regt. H.K. & S.R.A.
880 yards relay.—Middlesex Regiment.
Mile open relay.—Central British Association.
Mile team race.—Hongkong Regt. H.K. & S.R.A.
440 yards hurdles.—Middlesex Regt.
Mile relay.—Hongkong Regt. H.K. & S.R.A.
880 yards individual (open).—D. H. Blake (C.B.A.)
440 yards relay.—Middlesex Regt.
110 stone tug-of-war.—8th Heavy Regt. R.A.
130 stone tug-of-war.—8th Heavy Regt. R.A.

Final Positions

Middlesex Regt., 140.
Hongkong Regt. H.K. & S.R.A., 111.
8th Heavy Regt. R.A., 109.
Rajputana Rifles 106½.
Royal Scots, 102.
5th A.A. Regt. R.A., 70.
Royal Corp of Signals, 46.
Royal Engineers 30½ points.

BANDSMAN E. J. STEMP

Given Military Funeral At Happy Valley

Full military honours were accorded Bandsman Edward John Stemp, of the Middlesex Regiment, at his funeral yesterday at the Protestant Cemetery. Rev. E. d'A. Staunton officiated.

Bandsman Stemp collapsed and died at the Polo Ground on Wednesday while practising the discus throw for the Army Sports.

Those present at the service included Lieut.-Col. L. A. Newnham, Officer Commanding, Major S. F. W. M. del Court and Capt. H. Marsh, of the Middlsex Regiment.

Wreaths were from Major-Gen. A. E. Grasett, and Staff Officers of Headquarters, China Command; Brig. J. T. W. Reeve and Staff Officers of Hongkong Brigade; Major and Mrs. J. E. Dobbs; Major del Court, Lt. A. W. Peel; Bandmaster and Mrs. W. Kifford; Sgt. and Mrs. Edwards and Charlie; Cpl. W. Ure; L/Cpl. A. Plummer; L/Cpl. Maggeridge; All ranks "A" Company, Middlesex Regiment; "C" Company, Middlesex Regiment; All ranks "H.Q." Company, Middlesex Regment; Band members of the Middlesex Regiment; Drum members of the Middlesex Regiment; Signal Group of the Middlesex Regiment; Commanding officer and all officers of the Middlesex Regiment; All ranks of 5th. A. A. (R. A.); All ranks of 8th. Heavy Regiment (R.A.); Sportsmen of Middlesex Regiment; "Details" Group of the Middlesex Regiment; W. A. A. Fergusson.

SINO-AMERICAN

Institute Holding First Meeting To-day

The Inaugural meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations will be held at 5.30 p.m. to-day at the Cafe Wiseman.

Being a branch of the Head Institute at Chungking, the purpose of the Institute is to promote cultural relations and to cultivate closer friendship between the peoples of the two nations.

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ROME, May 4.—Field-Marshal Hermann Goering arrived at San Remo to-day. It is said to be a private visit.—*Reuter.*

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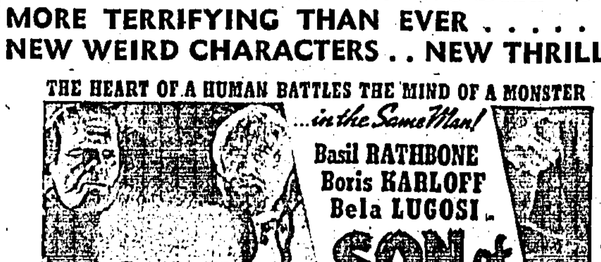

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